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ATHERLEY TRIAL

BOOK DISCREPANCIES QUERIED.

CLERICAL ERROR.

At to-day's hearing of the case which James Edward Atherley charged on four counts of misappropriation of monies amounting to \$3,275 belonging to Messrs. J. J. Brothers, of which he was Hongkong Manager, the cross-examination of the chief witness in the prosecution, Mr. Chau King-yan, who was the compradore of the firm, was resumed, with a thorough investigation into the account books kept by his department.

Mr. Elsie Zeitlyn:—Mr. Chau, you told us two days ago that you were required, under Clause 3L of your agreement, to keep your books in such a way as to disclose a true state of accounts of the company?—Yes.

Mr. Zeitlyn proceeded to read the clause in question as follows: "The compradore shall at all times cause his accounts to be kept in such a manner that when called upon by the Company he shall be able to immediately disclose a true and correct state of such accounts."

Counsel: And you told us, Mr. Chau, that in pursuance of such clause you kept books which are exhibits "A," "B," "C" and "N"?—Yes.

"A" is the compradore's proprietary note book, "B" your Chinese accounts book, "C" is the translation of it and "N" is the continuation of that translation?—Yes.

BOOKS UNTRUE?

Mr. Chau: I put it to you that your books are untrue?—The books cannot be untrue; perhaps there might be one or two mistakes, and in that case we made the necessary alterations.

Your books are untrue; they did not disclose a true state of accounts. No one had demanded to examine my books. If the taipan wants to look at my books—

The Chief Justice (interposed):—Nothing to do with the question. That is not the correct way to answer the question.

Witness refrained from again making reference to "the taipan" but said that the books he kept did disclose a true state of accounts.

Counsel:—Now, Mr. Chau, would you be good enough to turn to that page which covered the four charges in this particulars case, in books "B" and "C"?—I did not charge him with the four counts.

His Lordship:—He could not indicate the four cases at once, could he?

Counsel was asked to go through this question in stages, and he then asked witness to turn to the entry on the 24th March, to Exhibit "B."

Witness was further asked to indicate the item with its corresponding Chinese translation.

The first item from the Chinese accounts books kept by him was literally translated to the Court as follows:—"On the 24th March collected from Sui Yick promissory note No. 712, ... \$241.90 ... Gold Dollars 161.20 ... \$307.44 ... paid into Bank on 7th April."

Other items similarly entered were also gone into, and witness was then asked to give the corresponding entries in Exhibit "C." The first of the items from the book on the same date had been crossed out. Witness, when questioned by his Lordship about this, said that he had done this because he had in view another entry which followed thus:—"Ditto collected from Ying Fat Loong newspapers, 20 bales, at the rate of

EUROPEAN ROBBED.

CHINESE CONSTABLE CHARGED.

Alleged to have stolen a gold watch and chain, \$40 in bank notes, an overcoat, and some private papers, to the value of \$196, a Chinese police constable appeared before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning. Sergeant O'Donovan asked for a remand, as he wanted to make further enquiries, but Mr. Lindell said he would hear the preliminary evidence first.

The owner of the stolen goods, Mr. William Allen, residing at 4, Moreton Terrace, said on the night of December 13th he went to a Filipino dinner at the Nam Tung restaurant, China Building, and he left at about 12.35 a.m. He was waiting for a ricksha on the bridge of the Bowring Canal, and put his overcoat down for a few minutes. When the ricksha arrived, he found his coat was missing. He then searched his pockets, and discovered his watch and chain and \$40, which was in his trousers pocket, were missing. He reported the facts to the police station and went home. On the following morning, he found he had also lost seventeen new one-dollar notes, and various papers, which he carried in two envelopes in his inside coat pocket.

Sergeant O'Donovan stated he saw the defendant on duty at the police station, and took him to 236, Queen's Road East, second floor. The defendant admitted he occupied a cubicle there. When the place was searched, the coat was found hanging on a wall, and, on examining a basket under a bed, the missing watch and chain were found, together with seventeen one-dollar notes, and a five-dollar note.

The defendant was remanded in police custody.

\$4.85 ... \$99 ... \$144.04 ... On 1st April paid to taipan another day paid to the bank.

The literal translation of other and following items entered since the 24th March, was then proceeded with.

Mr. Zeitlyn then referred witness to the English version of the book, pointing out several discrepancies. Witness said that he did not write anything either in that book or in the Chinese book.

The next book on which Mr. Zeitlyn cross-examined was the Promissory Note book. Witness agreed that the particulars were found by reference to number and not by dates.

BANK PAYMENTS.

Mr. Zeitlyn:—Look up No. 712. What date is given as that of the payment into the bank of the Sui Yick cheque?—I cannot make answer direct. I must give you my explanation.

His Lordship:—Never mind about explanations now. Is there an entry, and what is it, in reference to payment of a cheque into the bank?—There is an entry which says March 24th, but that is not the date of payment into the bank.

Mr. Zeitlyn:—Entries in column eight signify the date of payment into the bank; do they not?—Yes, but this is not the right date.

His Lordship:—You say that the entry does not mean that it was paid into the bank on that day; what does it mean?

Witness:—The entry is an exact copy of what appears in the book written in Chinese previously produced. The money was collected from Sui Yick on March 24th.

Mr. Zeitlyn:—Do you now tell his Lordship and the jury that entries under column eight do not indicate the date of payment into the bank?

Witness:—It is date of payment into the bank.

Mr. Zeitlyn's next reference was to a promissory note paid by Bluebird and Co. He asked for the date of payment into the bank according to column eight.

Witness:—March 27th.

Mr. Zeitlyn asked for the book if the figure had not been altered.

Witness:—I don't know whether

FUKIEN TROUBLE

MUTINY AMONGST HUNAN TROOPS.

CITY CAPTURED.

A report from Swatow states that the Hunan forces of the Yuet Kwan, who were driven by the Canton Army into Fukien, have mutinied against their Commanders, Tse Man-ping and Li Wan-yang, and elected Li Chun-fung as their Commandant. On assuming command, Li Chun-fung attacked Ting Chow, an important district in the western part of Fukien, where General Li Fung-cheong is the Garrison Commandant, and captured the city. The Fukien forces retreated in disorder to Lien Sing and Lung Ngam.

General Ching Chin, commanding the Territorial Defence forces of the Canton Army, on receipt of the news, advanced into Fukien and occupied Shiu-on in order to cope with any contingency that might arise from this new development. It is further reported that Li Chun-fung, of the Yuet Kwan, has made overtures to General Ching Chin for an alliance to declare war against Fukien.

Out of this overture may result the conditional surrender of the Hunan force of the Yuet Kwan. It will be remembered that at the close of operations in the East River sector, it was reported that Tse Man-ping had surrendered, but later this was denied.

A NEW POST.

It is reported that as war operations have now ceased in the East River sector, the post of Garrison Commandant will be abolished, and a new post be created. The Canton Government, it is stated, has decided to establish a Tranquilization Bureau and orders have been sent to General Ho Ying-yun, the present Garrison Commandant, to change his title into Commissioner of the Tranquilization Bureau of Waichow, Chaochow, and Moy-yue, as soon as he has effected the organization of this new Bureau.

MODERN EXPLORERS.

AEROPLANE AND GAS BOMBS.

Batavia, Jan. 5.

Rifles and tear-gas bombs are included in the armament of an American scientific expedition, headed by the well-known anthropologist, Professor M. W. Stirling, with the object of exploring the interior of New Guinea.

The expedition is equipped with an aeroplane specially adapted to air photography, and long flights, as it is hoped to effect a landing at Lake Habbema, at a height of twelve thousand feet, hitherto not reached by any white man. It is also hoped to reach the unexplored Nassau mountains in Dutch New Guinea and study the pigmies and other unknown tribes.

The expedition will leave Sourabaya at the beginning of February, and hopes to return in six months.

CANNING RETURNS.

TO REPORT TO MOROCCAN CHIEF.

Paris, Jan. 5.

Captain Canning, the unofficial British mediator, has left for Tangier to report to Abi El Krim the result of his peace mission to Paris.—*Reuter*.

LI FUK-LUM'S MEN.

TWO SENTENCED FOR ARMS POSSESSION.

That the two men before the Court were soldiers of Gen. Li Fuk-lum, sent with a junk as a guard, and that they took the arms ashore at Tai O in order that they should be in safe custody, was the explanation given by Mr. H. S. Fitzroy, at the Criminal Sessions before Mr. Justice Wood this morning, when the men were charged with unlawful possession of arms and ammunition.

Originally there had been six men arraigned and a plea of not guilty had been entered.

The Crown, represented by Mr. H. K. Holmes, withdrew the charges against four of the men, and Mr. Fitzroy said that under the circumstances the plea would be one of guilty to a technical offence.

It was admitted he said that the men landed at Tai O with the arms and that they had control of them. They were under the command of Leung Kam-mo, a lieutenant of Gen. Li Fuk-lum, and on the application of some merchants they had been sent with a cargo of salt, etc. in order that the junk should have safe passage.

They wished to go ashore at Tai O and on debating what they should do with the arms, which were the property of Gen. Li Fuk-lum's army, they decided to take them with them. They placed them in a rattan basket, but had no intention of doing other than take them ashore and back again.

Mr. Fitzroy pointed out that it was purely a technical infringement of the law and he asked his Lordship to deal with the matter on those lines. In these times, he said, it was very necessary that the Chinese were shown that justice was meted out in the Colony. Tai O was a very small place and the men were ignorant of the law. That was no excuse, but, at the same time it, it had to be borne in mind.

Mr. Holmes said he need not say that although Tai O was a small place, it was a place where arms should not be. There had been one or two incidents there already and it was most dangerous that arms should be allowed to be taken into the village.

His Lordship sentenced the prisoners to imprisonment for one month with hard labour, remarking that it was on the facts placed before the Court by Mr. Fitzroy that such a light sentence was passed.

FRENCH FINANCES.

THE LATEST POSITION.

Paris, Jan. 5.

In a statement outlining the reasons for the proposed financial reforms, M. Doumer expressed in very energetic terms the gravity of the financial crisis through which France was passing. He affirmed his desire to accomplish immediately the necessary vigorous straightening out of the finances by not falling in any engagement entered into by the State with those who placed confidence in her.

Consequently, the problems of the Budget, of the Treasury and of Exchange being interdependent, it was necessary to establish a strong equilibrium even of the Budget surplus in order to commence the repayment of the advances to the Bank of France, and provide for the reduction of debts. The necessary resources would come from economies, strong measures would be taken against omissions of fiscal duty and for the enforcement of indirect taxation. In 1926 a revision of scheduled taxes in 1927.—*Indopacific*.

YUNNAN UNREST.

REVOLT AGAINST GEN. TANG CHI-YAO.

THREE DEMANDS.

A letter received from Yunnan states that an open rupture between General Tang Chi-yao and four of his generals occurred in the middle of December, when the headquarters of General Tang were surrounded by the troops of the four Generals who made three demands on General Tang. The demands were the payment of arrears, the dismissal of corrupt officials who are near relatives or intimate friends of and directly under the control of General Tang, the receipts of all revenues to be gazetted and all accounts audited and published. All three demands on General Tang is said to have agreed to. The second demand has already been complied with, and many arrests have been made. The third demand is now being carried out, but owing to lack of funds, the first demand is held in abeyance. It is further stated that in the event of General Tang's inability to find means to fulfil the first demand, the four generals will demand his abdication.

In connection with the above news, there is a report that the Canton Government has decided to take steps to consolidate the southwest provinces, and that negotiations with General Fan Shek-sang, who was defeated in his attempt to seize the Government of Yunnan by General Tang Chi-yao, has been completed. The report also states that the Canton Government will shortly announce the appointment of General Fan Shek-sang as the Field Marshal of the expedition against Yunnan and that large quantities of arms, ammunition and other necessary equipment are now being transported to Kwangsi. It is expected that preparations for this campaign will be completed within this month.

SOVIET EXCUSE.

DISARMAMENT CONFERENCE.

Moscow, Jan. 5.

In connection with the invitation to the Soviet to send representatives to the preliminary conference on disarmament at Geneva the *Izvestia* points out that as a result of the Soviet boycott of Switzerland owing to the latter's refusal to satisfy the Soviet demands for satisfaction for the assassination of Vorovsky, the Soviet Government will not send delegates to conferences held in Switzerland. Even formal recognition of the extraterritorial rights of Soviet delegates by the Swiss Government would not ensure that the conduct of the Swiss Government towards the Soviet delegates at Lausanne in 1923 will not be repeated.—*Reuter*.

OBITUARY.

PACIFIC ISLANDS COMMISSIONER.

Sydney, Jan. 5.

The death occurred of Mr. H. R. McClure, the resident Commissioner of the Gilbert and Ellice Islands. He served formerly in China and East Africa.—*Reuter*.

"TEAN" STRANDING.

CAPTAIN HISTED EXONERATED.

A Marine Court of Enquiry assembled at the Harbour Office this morning to investigate the circumstances attending the stranding of the s.s. Tean, in the Hainan Straits, on December 19th, whilst on a voyage from Haiphong to Hoihow.

The Court was presided over by Lieut.-Com. G. F. Hole, (Harbour Master) and with him were Lieut.-Com. C. R. H. Harvey, R.N.; Capt. S. Robinson, Master of the s.s. Empress of Canada; Capt. H. W. Chandler, Master of the s.s. Kumsang; and Capt. J. Thompson, Master of the s.s. Haiyang.

Mr. G. S. Hugh-Jones, instructed by the Imperial Merchant Service Guild, appeared for the Master of the s.s. Tean, Capt. E. H. Histed; and Mr. G. K. Hall Bruton, instructed by the China Coast Officers Guild, appeared for the Captain and officers of the steam-er.

Capt. Histed, in the box, stated that he left Haiphong on December 18th last at 1 p.m. bound for Hoihow. A bearing on Lamka was taken at 1.35 p.m. the next day, S. 4 E. true, four miles, steering N. 86 E. true. The speed was 9.7 knots, which had been maintained since leaving Haiphong. Visibility later became bad. At 4.30 the course was altered to N. 77 E. true. Land was raised two points before the starboard beam at 4.39. At 4.41 the vessel ground in 2½ fathoms, and he later ascertained the position to be near Chinghai Point.

An attempt was made to swing the vessel off, but the ship's head held at N.N.E. The engines were then stopped and the port anchor let go on 15 fathoms of chain. The vessel floated off at 8.20 p.m. without damage. A survey had since shown that she suffered no damage.

In answer to questions, by Mr. Hugh Jones, witness said the visibility at the time was about four miles. There was a driving rain with a wind bearing from E.N.E. to N.N.E. of force four to five. He was on the bridge all the time, except between 2.15 p.m. to shortly after 3 p.m. He had no reason to consider his dead reckoning was not correct. When the sighted land he estimated it was at least two miles away.

In reply to further questions, Capt. Histed said he had been through these straits as Master for 15 or 16 times. He had never before experienced any peculiar get in the current there. It was, roughly, east and west. During the period of bad visibility the Chief Officer was with him on the bridge and both were looking out for land.

Asked whether it would have been safer to have steered more to the north, witness replied in the negative. He attributed his grounding to an unknown set in the current.

After various positions had been pointed out on the chart, the Court adjourned for a few minutes and, on re-assembling, the Chief Officer, Mr. C. B. Adkins, was called. Witness corroborated the evidence of the Captain as to the position of the ship and the visibility shortly before the vessel struck. The Court then retired to consider its finding.

When the Court re-assembled, the President announced that they had found that the s.s. Tean had grounded two-and-one-fifth miles west of Mandarin Cap, at 4.41 p.m. on December 19th, due to under-estimating the visibility. This was an error of judgment on the part of the Captain, not amounting to culpability.

FOUND GUILTY.

SIR BASIL THOMSON FINED.

ACCUSES POLICE.

London, Jan. 5.

Sir Basil Thomson has been found guilty and fined \$5 and \$5 costs. Notice of appeal was given.—*Reuter*.

On the resumption of the case against Sir Basil Thomson, who yesterday had pleaded "not guilty," Sir Henry Curtis Bennett, cross-examining police witnesses, suggested that the accused gave his own name of Hume Thomson, which the Sergeant mistook for Hugh Thomson.

The Magistrate, Mr. Cancellor, remarked that that was a mistake which might easily be made.

Sir Curtis Bennett, in a speech, said, that a man with the knowledge of the accused must be either insane or drunk to go to such a place for such an offence. The evidence showed he was absolutely sober. Counsel was glad that the Magistrate last night personally inspected the spot, and he asked the Magistrate to say that it was impossible to see what people were doing from the place the police said they saw them. He submitted that the story of the two constables in that connection was untrue.

Mr. Reginald McKenna, M.P., and Sir Reginald Ball testified to the accused's high character, after which the accused entered the witness box and said that since his retirement he had been devoted to literary and journalistic work, particularly on criminal and police matters. He recently contemplated investigating and writing about Hyde Park and West End solicitation and discussed the matter with Sir Douglas Straight, ex-Inspector General of Police in India, and Mr. Barry Higgins the well-known solicitor. He was also most keenly interested in the Communist movement. He went to Hyde Park to investigate conditions there, and a woman spoke to him and told him she was hard up. He gave her two or three shillings and asked her about the people who were sitting round. Immediately afterwards the police appeared. Sir Basil Thomson emphatically denied that the woman was acting improperly towards him. He denied that he said after his arrest "How can I keep this from my friends," and said that what he did say was that such a charge would ruin anybody.

Counsel for the defence drew attention to the fact that P. C. Laurie, who arrested Sir Basil Thomson, was standing close to the witness-box grinning while questions were being put, and the Magistrate ordered P. C. Laurie to leave the court.

Sir Basil Thomson denied that he said to P. C. Laurie that if he over-looked this he could leave the police to-morrow. He swore there was no shadow of foundation for the charge. The second summons was dismissed.—*Reuter*.

Capt. H. J. Hawthorn, 5/2nd Punjab Regiment (Company Officer) has been appointed Officiating Company Commander, vice Capt. O. H. D. O'Callaghan, transferred.

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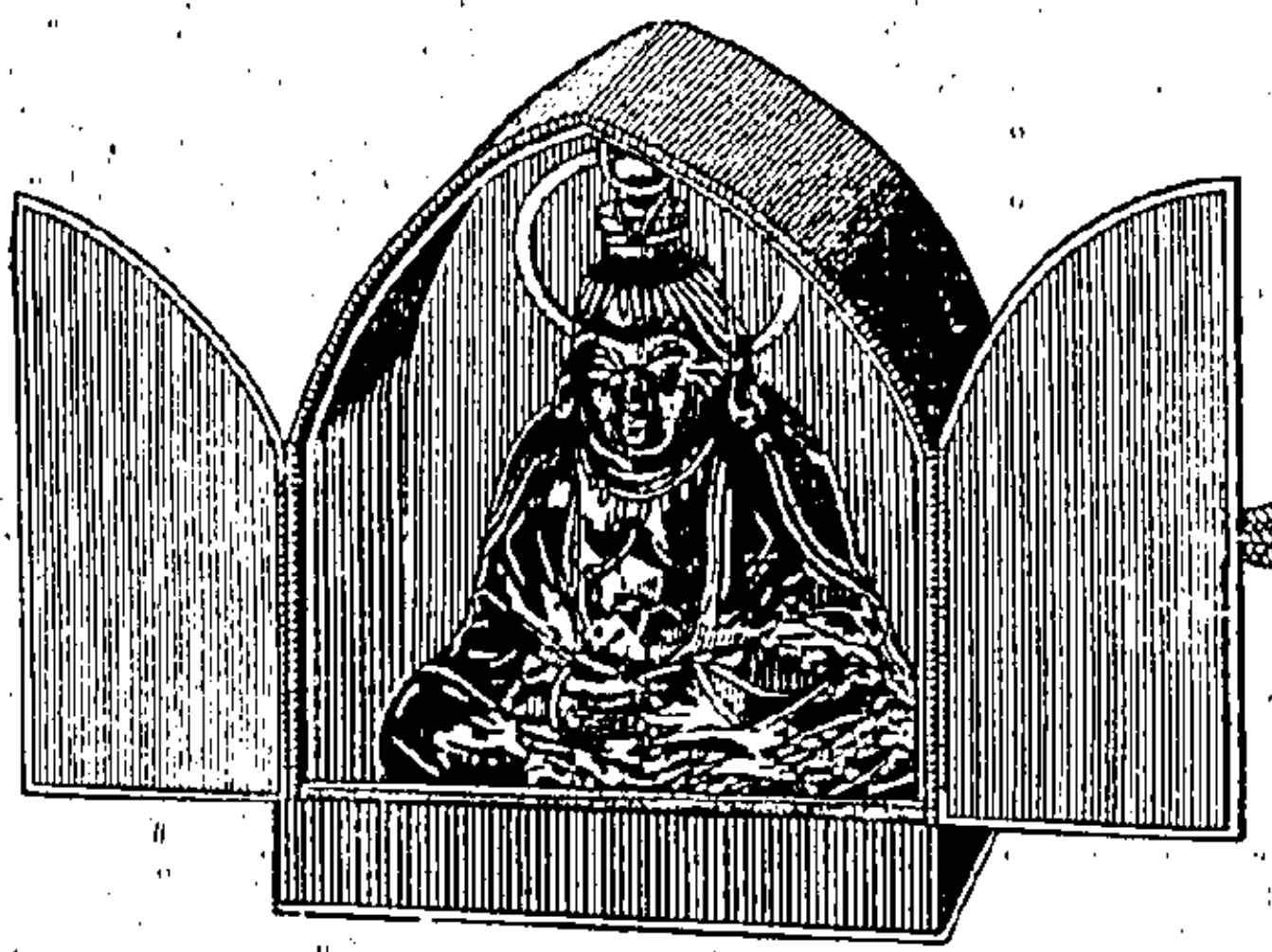
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ATHERLEY CASE

YESTERDAY AFTERNOON'S PROCEEDINGS.

The Atherley case was continued at the Criminal Sessions yesterday afternoon, when Mr. E. Zeitlyn continued his cross-examination of the complainant.

Further cross-examination, witness said when Atherley gave him cash cheques they sometimes covered O.K'd bills and sometimes not.

At this stage Mr. Jenkin interrupted and addressing His Lordship said the Chinese present at the table, was another interpreter substituting the one evicted in the morning. His Lordship would understand that it was very necessary to have one in court. He would say something about the other man in the morning after he had seen him.

Mr. Zeitlyn then put to witness that Atherley paid to him certain cheques on different days in 1924. To each question witness replied that he could not remember. They were as follows: On April 1, \$1,213, April 11, \$2,000, April 18, \$1,949, and \$2,910, April 23, \$1,656, April 25, \$1,273, April 26, \$1,421, May 8, \$3,006, May 15, \$819, May 28, \$359, May 30, \$874 and June 6, \$651. Counsel put it that these cheques covered amounts of L.O.U.'s and O.K'd bills. Witness insisted that he could not remember.

Would you remember if I told you they were post-dated cheques?—Even then I can't remember.

At different times when his salary was due Atherley made out post-dated cheques, said witness.

Witness and Taipans.

That was a company's post-dated cheque?—Yes.

He was entitled to draw on the company's account for some purposes?—I don't know, but since he is a taipan, whenever he puts his signature on it I naturally think it is all right.

I suggest to you that that is a stock answer of yours for the purposes of this case?—No, it is out of my own heart.

Witness agreed that when Atherley drew a cheque in the circumstances mentioned by counsel, it was on an account on which he was entitled to draw for the company's purposes.

Counsel: Then do you think it was a frank answer when you said you did not know whether he was entitled to do so or not?—I only know he is a taipan and I have to obey his instructions.

Counsel: It seems, My Lord, that the word taipan is with Mr. Chau like the blessed word Mesopotamia.

His Lordship: I take it taipan is a man in authority in a business and employees must obey his instructions.

Had Heard of It.

Mr. Jenkin rose to explain the word.

Mr. Zeitlyn: Oh, I have heard the word, my Lord. (Laughter).

Questioned further, witness said he was present at a meeting on October 24 last when Mr. Kelley and Mr. Parkhurst of the company's head office were there and Atherley.

Did Mr. Kelley say to Atherley, "What about the money you owe?"—Yes.

Did you hear Atherley say, "There's no need to discuss the matter with you; it is a personal matter between me and Chau?"—I did not hear that, but later Mr. Kelley told me Atherley had said that.

What He Did Not Hear.

I put it that Atherley said "Look at the L.O.U.'s"—I never heard him say that, but he put his

COMPANY REPORT

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA.

The half-yearly report to N.Y.K. shareholders states:

The net profit after providing for the depreciation of the fleet and insurance and ships' structural repair funds, amounts to Yen 1,324,650.77, including Yen 167,119.15 brought forward from the last account.

Adding thereto Yen 1,300,000.00, the amount transferred from the Dividend equalization fund, we obtain a total surplus of Yen 2,624,650.77.

The Directors now propose that this surplus be appropriated as follows:

Legal reserve fund Yen	60,000.00
Directors' and auditors' fees	70,000.00
Dividend (8% per annum)	2,320,000.00
Total	Yen 2,450,000.00

leaving a balance of Yen 174,650.77 to be carried forward to the next account.

The directors further propose that the whole amount of the Reserve fund for extension of services and improvement of fleet, Yen 14,548,568.44, and a portion of the Insurance fund, Yen 7,500,000 out of Yen 17,312,041.91, totalling Yen 22,048,568.44, be now transferred as follows:

To the reduction of book value of fleet	Yen 17,000,000.00
To supplementing Pension fund	5,048,568.44
Total	Yen 22,048,568.44

head down when I said that it was money I had collected from customers and handed over to him.

Witness continued to deny that he heard Atherley say, "It is a personal matter between me and Chau." He heard Atherley say that he was asking for the assistance of friends.

Did you hear him say that the complainant would be repaid?—No, I did not.

Did you hear Mr. Kelley say, "To show your good faith, you have your salary coming for October and November and some commission earned, will you assign that over to the complainant?"—No.

Did Not Assign Salary.

Did Mr. Kelley take a memorandum and assign Atherley's salary and commission to the complainant?—No.

Did not Atherley then take it and sign it?—No, nothing like that happened.

Did you ask Atherley to pay back the money he owed to you?—Yes.

Did he say he was making arrangements and would be able to do so before the office closed down?—No.

Presbyterian Memories.

At this stage Mr. Zeitlyn said he had one other head under which he wished to cross-examine and asked if it would be a convenient time for adjournment. "It will only take a day or two, my Lord."

His Lordship: If you can promise the jury to reduce your cross-examination by a day, I think we might.

Mr. Zeitlyn said he would not be much longer; he only had one further head under which to cross-examine.

His Lordship: Mr. Zeitlyn, I was brought up a Presbyterian and I know exactly what "in conclusion" means at the end of a sermon. (Laughter).

The case was adjourned until this morning.

THIEVES' BIG HAUL

SHOP MANAGER ROBBED OF \$5,000.

Suspected Servants Abscond.

A robbery involving a large sum of money is reported from the Castle Road district. It appears that a man named Chan Shu-kee, manager of the Kam Cheong sugar dealers' shop, 126 Wing Lok Street, was the victim of a robbery very early on Monday morning, while he was living at a house, No. 13 Castle Road.

He found that a wooden case, which had been securely locked the night before, had been broken open in the sitting room and that money to the value of \$4,500 had been stolen. The money was in Hongkong and Shanghai Bank notes of values of \$100, \$50 and \$5.

Sixty sovereigns and a gold bangle were also among the missing property, which is valued at \$5,060.

A deposit receipt on the Banque Industrielle de Chine is also missing, and the value of this is not included in the total of the stolen property.

Two servants, who have since absconded, are suspected of being the perpetrators of the robbery.

THE RUBBER QUARREL.

Reply to American Criticism.

London, Jan. 5.

The Times, in a leader, replying to American criticism of British rubber restriction, reiterates the reasons rendering the Stevenson scheme necessary and says that when prices rose rapidly, largely owing to American forward contracts, Mr. Hoover allowed himself to be drawn into a series of statements which can only be described as inaccurate, unwise and calculated to arouse ill-feeling on the part of Americans unfamiliar with the facts. It was no case for recrimination but commonsense at best. Mr. Hoover's lamentations cannot increase the world's production of rubber; at the worst they may rattle the feelings of the American public and so check a worldwide movement for an amicable adjustment of economic difficulties between nations by mutual concession and agreement. —Reuter.

The Price of Rubber.

London, Jan. 4.
Rubber sheet is quoted 45d. per lb, spot and 42½d. forward three months. —Indo-Pacific.

HOCKEY.

CLUB v. PUNJABIS.

The following will represent the Hongkong Hockey Club against the 5th/2nd Punjabis at 5 p.m. sharp to-day at the U. S. R. C.—E. W. Hamilton, C. L. R. Becher, A. P. T. Farquharson, A. S. Hett, E. J. R. Mitchell (Capt.), Rev. E. W. L. Martin, H. Owen Hughes, A. D. Ball, W. Woodward, B. D. Evans and G. P. Lammert.

THE RACES.

ENTRIES CLOSE ON 23RD.

The Hongkong Jockey Club advertises that entries for the forthcoming races close on Saturday, January 23, at 3 p.m., and must be sent to the Secretary, care of Linstead and Davis, on or before that date. Entry forms may be had at the usual places.

There will be TEA & DINNER DANCES at the KING EDWARD HOTEL

on the following dates:—

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7th Jan, 1926.	14th Jan, 1926.
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9th January, 1926.

16th " "

Further announcements to follow.

Bookings for the Dinner Dances can be made at the Reception Office.

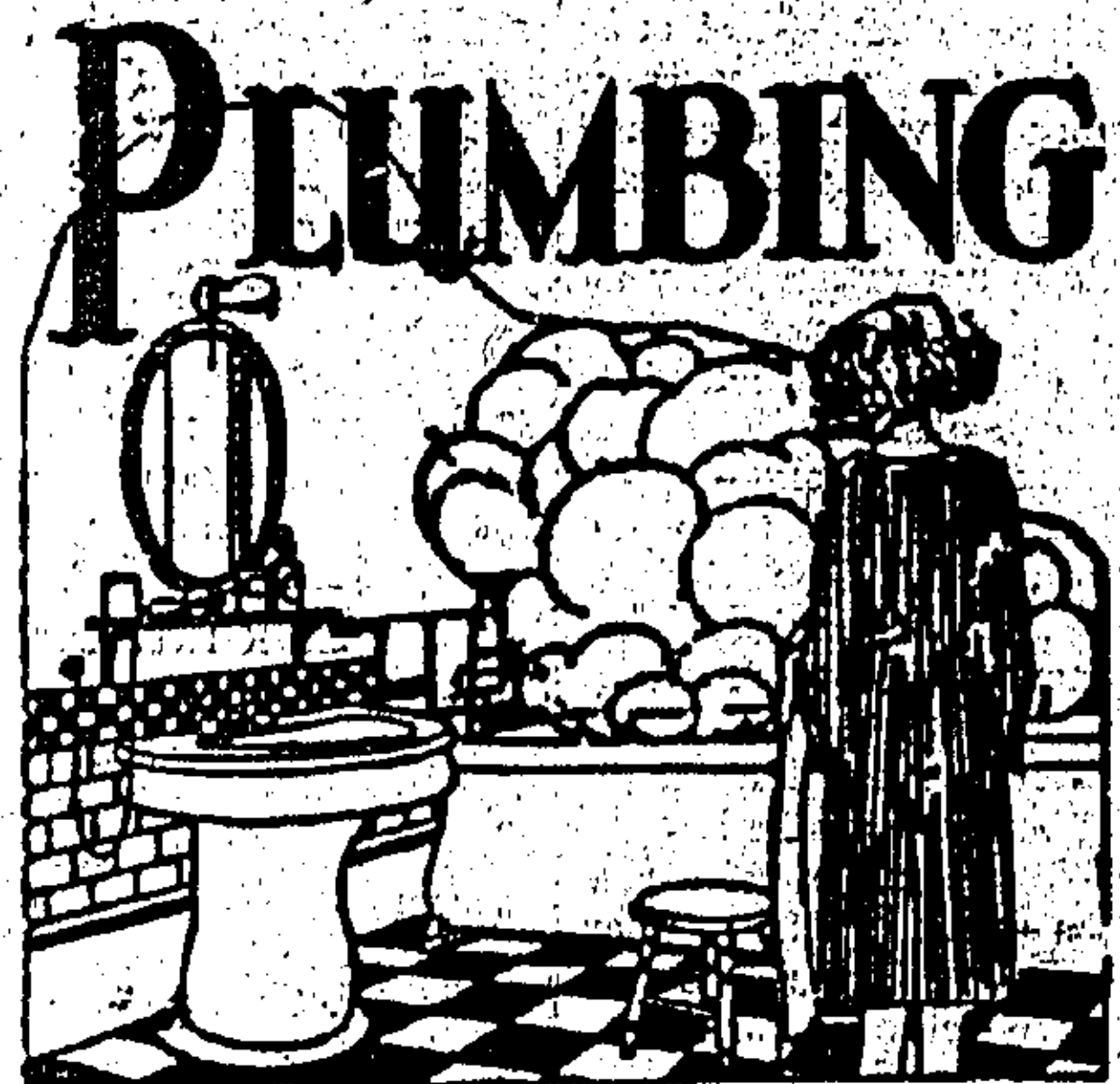


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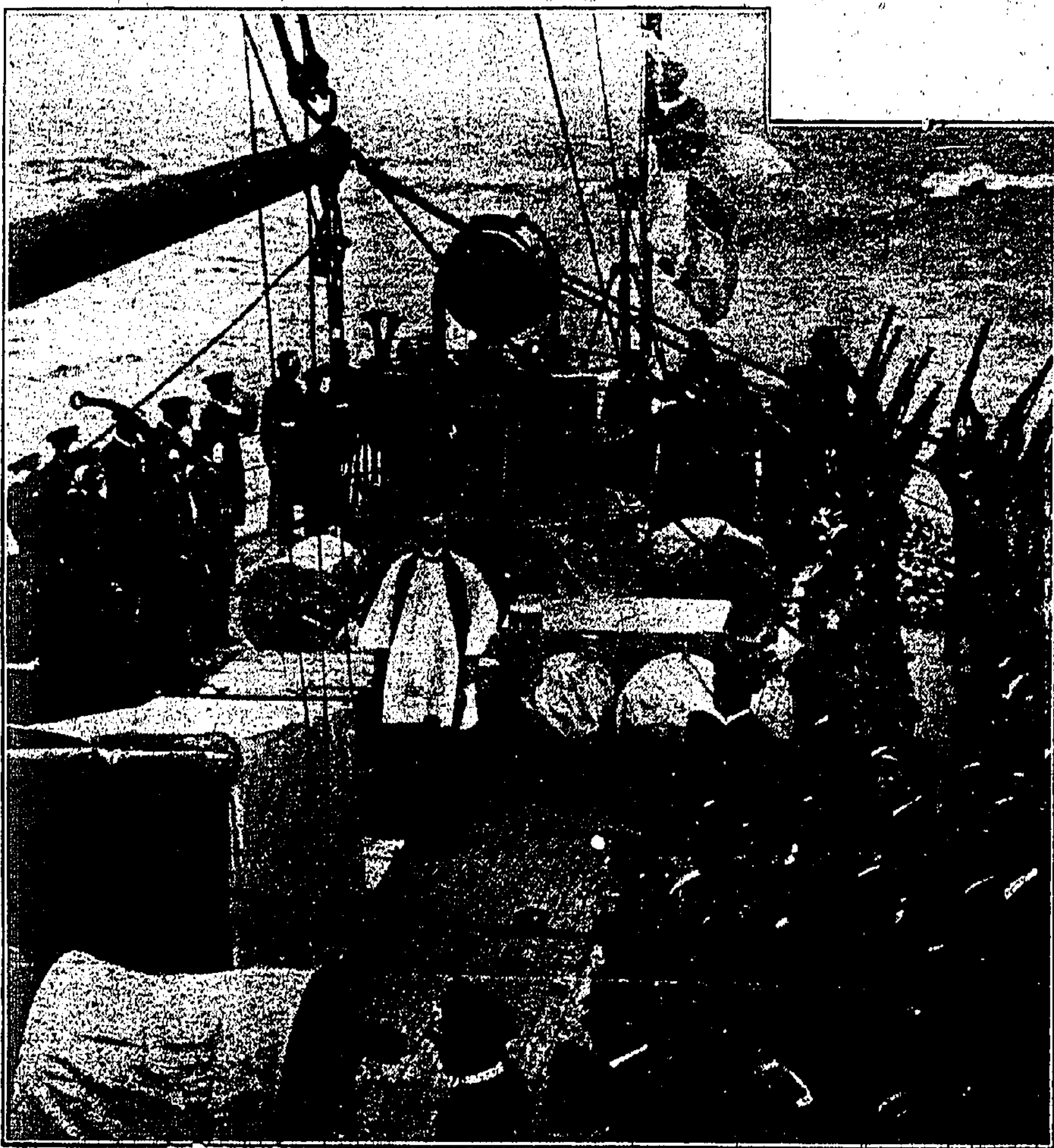
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Competitors in Shanghai Golf Championship.



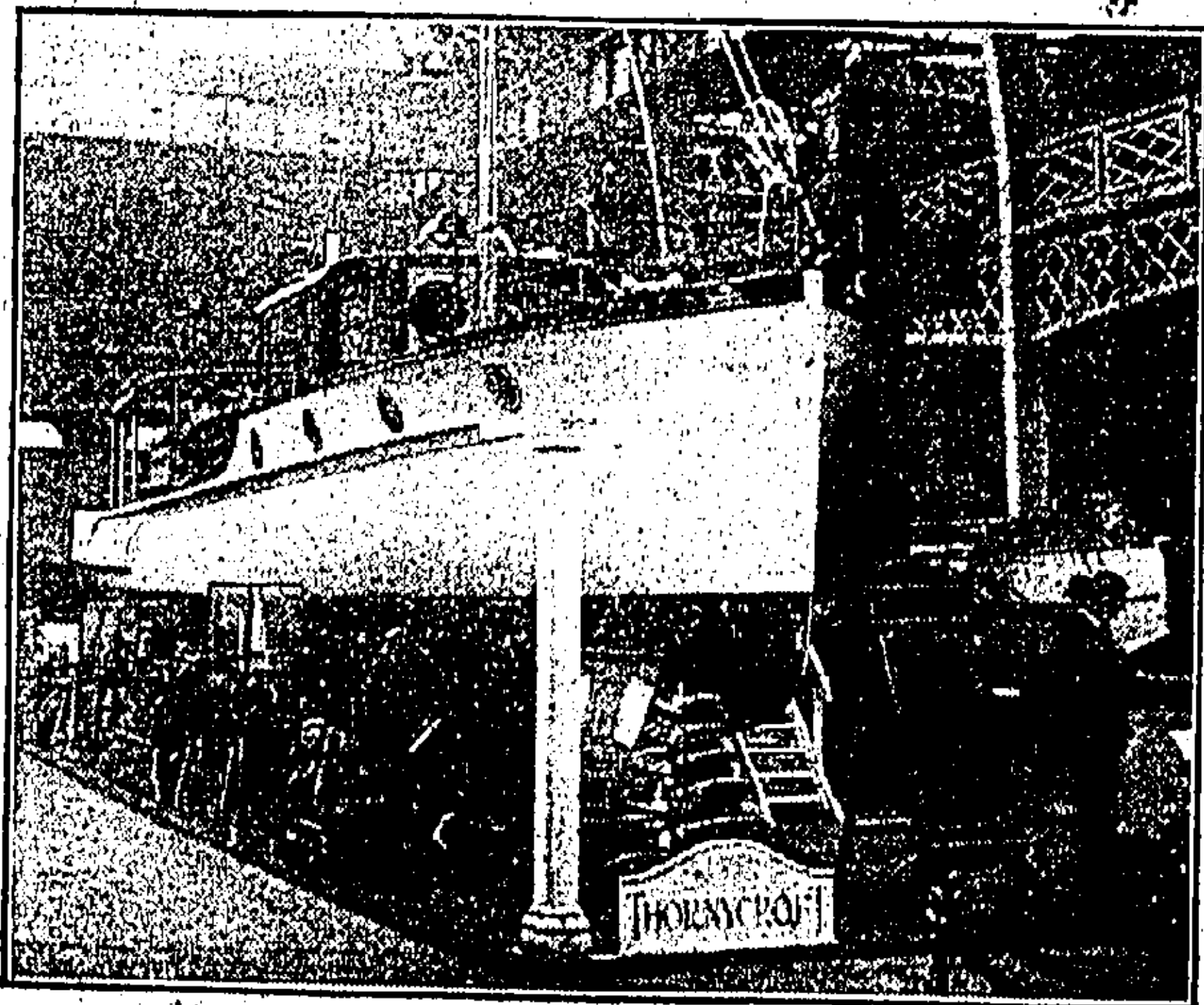
This group was taken just after M. W. Budd had won the Shanghai Golf Club championship. The winner is seen with a cheery smile, while the rest of the group consists of club officials and the last four in the championship. Names from left to right are:—Messrs. C. W. Porter, the Captain of the Club who refereed the final, Mr. H. R. Malcolm, who lost in the semi-final to Mr. Budd, Mr. M. W. Budd who won, Mr. R. G. MacDonald, President of the Club who presented the championship cup to the winner, Mr. A. R. Blinko, who lost the final by the one hole, and Captain J. Dewar, Shanghai's veteran, who played through to the semi-final but had to scratch to Mr. Blinko on account of illness.

Funeral Service to Naval Dead.



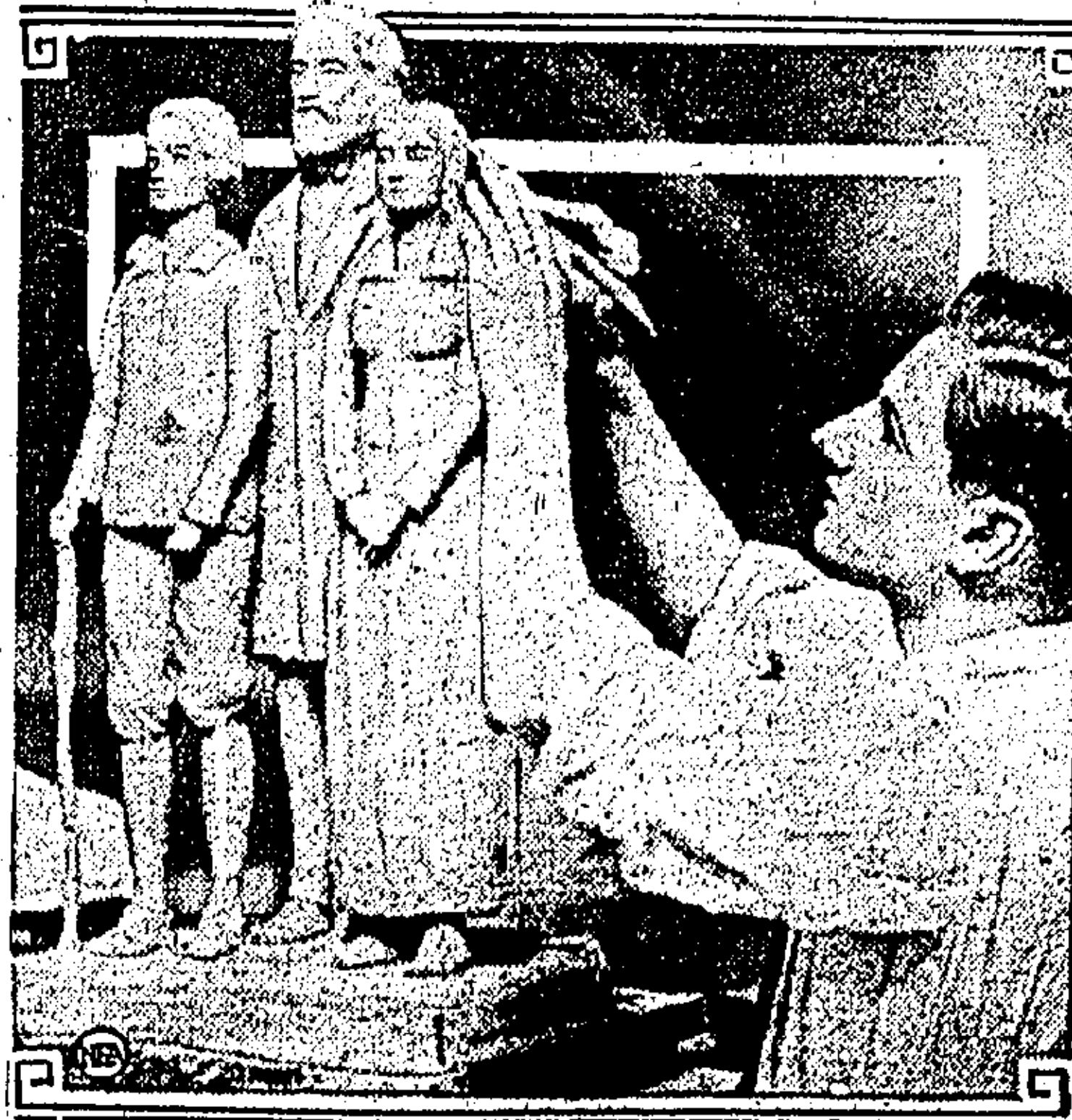
An affecting service over the sea-tomb of the Submarine M. 1. took place on H. M. S. Maidstone. The German divers, still weatherbound at Plymouth, sent a wireless telegram "Wishing in spirit to join sincerely in the service in memory of those departed." Our photograph was taken as the firing-body was about to fire three volleys. ("Times" copyright photograph).

London Shipping Exhibition.



Mr. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, opened the Shipping, Engineering, and Machinery Exhibition at the Olympia, London, at the end of November. This shows a 55 ft. sea-going motor cruiser built by Messrs Thornycroft. ("Times" copyright photograph).

Memorial to Longfellow



A shrine to Longfellow is being built on the banks of Bayou Teche, near St. Martinville, La., where a statue of the poet with his two best-loved characters—Evangeline and Gabriel—will be erected. Photo shows Arthur O. Morgan, New Orleans sculptor, at work on the model.

Shah's Son.

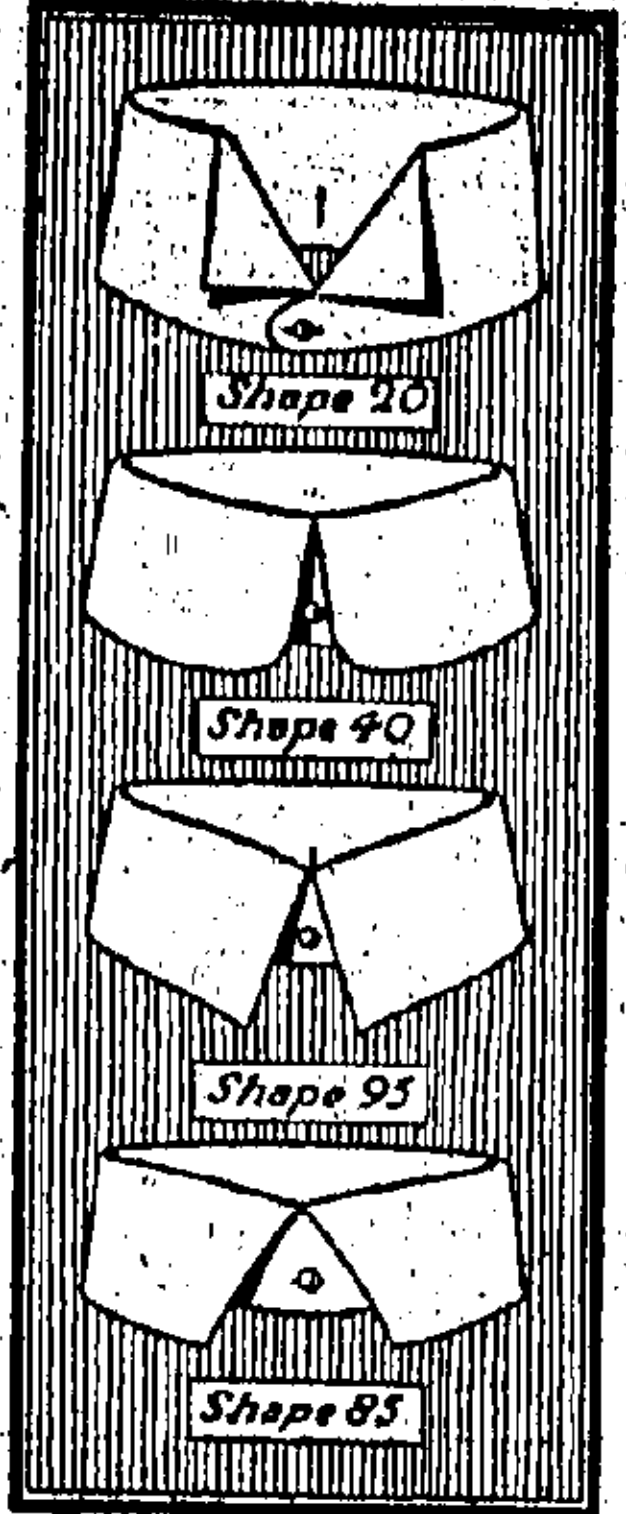


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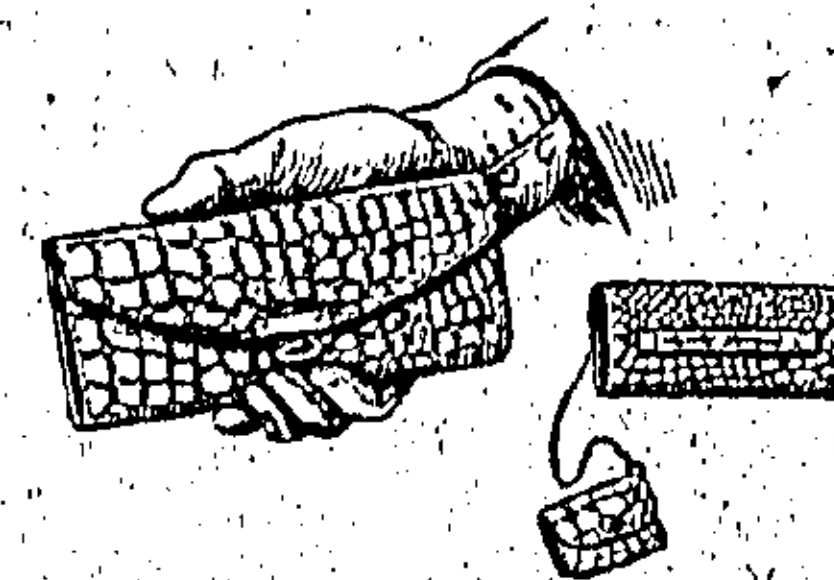
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NOTICE.

U. S. R. C.

The Annual Handicap Tennis Tournament, open to Members and Subscribers only, will commence at the above Club on Monday the 18th January 1926.

The following will be played—
I. Mixed Doubles Handicap
II. Men's
III. Men's Singles
IV. Ladies Doubles
V. Ladies Singles
All those wishing to enter for the above should send their names to the Hon. Secretary or enter them on the list which will be on the Notice Boards in the Club House by 4 p.m. on Wednesday the 13th January 1926. Dates by which rounds are to be completed will be notified in due course.

NOTICE.

HONGKONG HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY.

A SPECIAL MEETING of Members of the above Society and all those interested in Horticulture will be held in the Board Room of Messrs. Jardine Matheson & Co., Ltd. on Thursday, 7th January, 1926, at 5.30 p.m. with a view to deciding whether the annual flower show should be held next year or not.

It is hoped that a good number will be present. All Ladies interested are cordially invited to attend.

E. B. C. HORNELL,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, Dec. 22, 1925.

G. R. NOTICE.

Holders of Arms Licences (including shotgun licences) are requested to note that their licences are now due for renewal and to renew the same forthwith.
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BIG CONTINENTAL SCHEME.

Amsterdam, Jan. 5.
In connection with big French bank note forgeries, three prominent Hungarians have been arrested at the Hague and in Amsterdam, while a fourth Hungarian, also of good family, has been arrested at Hamburg on his arrival from Norway with false French bank notes.—Reuter.



Policeman: "Where is your wife?"
Householder: "She is tidying up the bedroom before the firemen arrive!"—Punching Show, London.

LOCAL HOCKEY.

CLUB SECOND ELEVEN WINS.

Hongkong Hockey Club seconds eleven secured a very creditable victory at the U.S.R.C. ground, Kowloon, last evening, when they defeated the second eleven of the 5/2 Punjab by four goals to one. Four of the Club team failed to turn up to time, and the team was completed with Punjab players. Eventually the players arrived, with the exception of Stewart, and for the greater part of the game the Club played one man short.

The Club did not have much difficulty in obtaining the verdict, in spite of their weakened team, and on the whole they were the better players. Both the wingers, Price (left), and Owen-Hughes (right), showed good form, and Lyon at centre forward was responsible for two of the goals. The halves played a strong and forceful game, and the backs, Wedlake and Becker, were sound. Frank in goal brought off a number of good saves.

The Punjab did not show particularly good form, and although they were not often dangerous, they showed good combination when they got going. The defence was not reliable, and the forwards, although displaying good understanding, found the Club defence too strong for them.

At the beginning, Price ran through but he was dispossessed, and for a short time the Club pressed, but eventually the Indians shifted the play to the other end, and after several smart efforts the inside right succeeded in getting the ball into the net. From the bully-off, Lyon put the Club level. At this time Owen-Hughes was playing noticeably well, and was largely responsible for keeping the Punjabis defending. Play became midfield, and in several Indian attacks the Club goal had some narrow escapes. The Club again obtained the upper hand, however, and Owen-Hughes put them ahead with a fine shot. The Club's late players then arrived with the exception of Stewart, and after their arrival the Punjabis seldom looked like winning. Before the interval, Lyon scored a third and Price a fourth for the Club.

The game was much the same in the second half, the Club having the better of the exchanges, although the Indians were playing hard to reduce the lead. Their defence improved, and although they were hard pressed on a number of occasions, they withstood the pressure and succeeded in keeping the Club forwards out. A promising Indian attack developed on the left wing, and the ball coming across to the outside right, he sent in a hard shot, which Frank saved. For a short time play remained in the vicinity of the Club goal and Frank was called upon several times, but there was seldom any real danger in the attacks. At last the pressure was relieved, and after that the Club were attacking for the greater part of the remaining time. The game ended without a single goal being scored in the second half.

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WAR DEBTS.

MR. MELLON'S LATEST PLEA.

Washington, Jan. 5.
Mr. Mellon, in a speech to the Ways and Means Committee of the House of Representatives for the ratification of the impending debt settlements with Italy, Belgium and other European nations, declared that if the same terms were required from Italy as from Britain, an impossible burden would be imposed on Italy, and the result would be that the United States would receive nothing. The taxation which would necessarily be imposed on Italians if better terms were insisted on would ruin Italy and make it "another China." Those insisting on impossible terms were, in the final analysis, working for the entire repudiation of the war debt.—Reuter's American Service.

NEW TREATIES.

Paris, Jan. 5.
The Parliament of Angora has ratified the Treaties of Friendship between Turkey and Lithuania and between Turkey and Finland.—Indopacific.

OIL LEASES.

AMERICAN GOVERNMENT VICTORY.

San Francisco, Jan. 5.
The United States circuit Court of Appeals has upheld the decision of a lower court ordering the cancellation of the Elks Hills naval reserve oil leases, but has reversed the lower court's award of \$11,781,000 to the Pan-American Petroleum and Transport Company, one of Mr. E. L. Doheny's corporations, as reimbursement for their expenditure at Pearl Harbour.

This decision is an important victory for the Federal Government, upholding their contention that the lower court was not authorized to order the reimbursement.

It is expected that Mr. Doheny will appeal to the Supreme Court.—Reuter's American Service.

[A Los Angeles message of May 29th stated:—

In the District Court here Federal Judge McCormack found Mr. E. L. Doheny, of the Pan-American Petroleum Transport Company and Mr. A. B. Fall, former Secretary of the Interior, guilty of fraud and conspiracy in connection with the Elk Hill (California) oil leases, and contracts for the construction of storage plants in Hawaii, in 1922, in the civil suit, as regards the actual legality of the Elk Hill leases and contracts. Criminal indictments are still pending.

He stated that Mr. Denby, then Secretary of the Navy, signed the agreements under a misapprehension, and the Court found for the United States Government, declaring that the leases and contracts were null and void.

The defendants will appeal to the Supreme Court.

The Doheny companies have been ordered to pay all the costs of the suits for cancellation of the oil leases, but the Court rules that defendants are entitled to be paid or credited with the money they spent on the construction of storage facilities for crude oil products at Pearl Harbour, also the money actually spent in drilling or putting on a production basis any wells drilled under the leases of May 6th or December 5th, 1922.]

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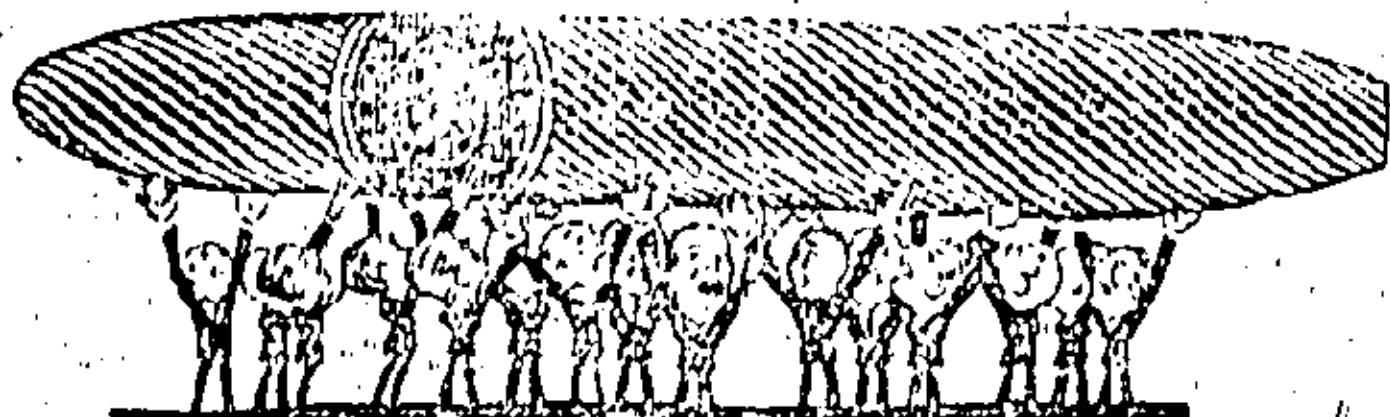
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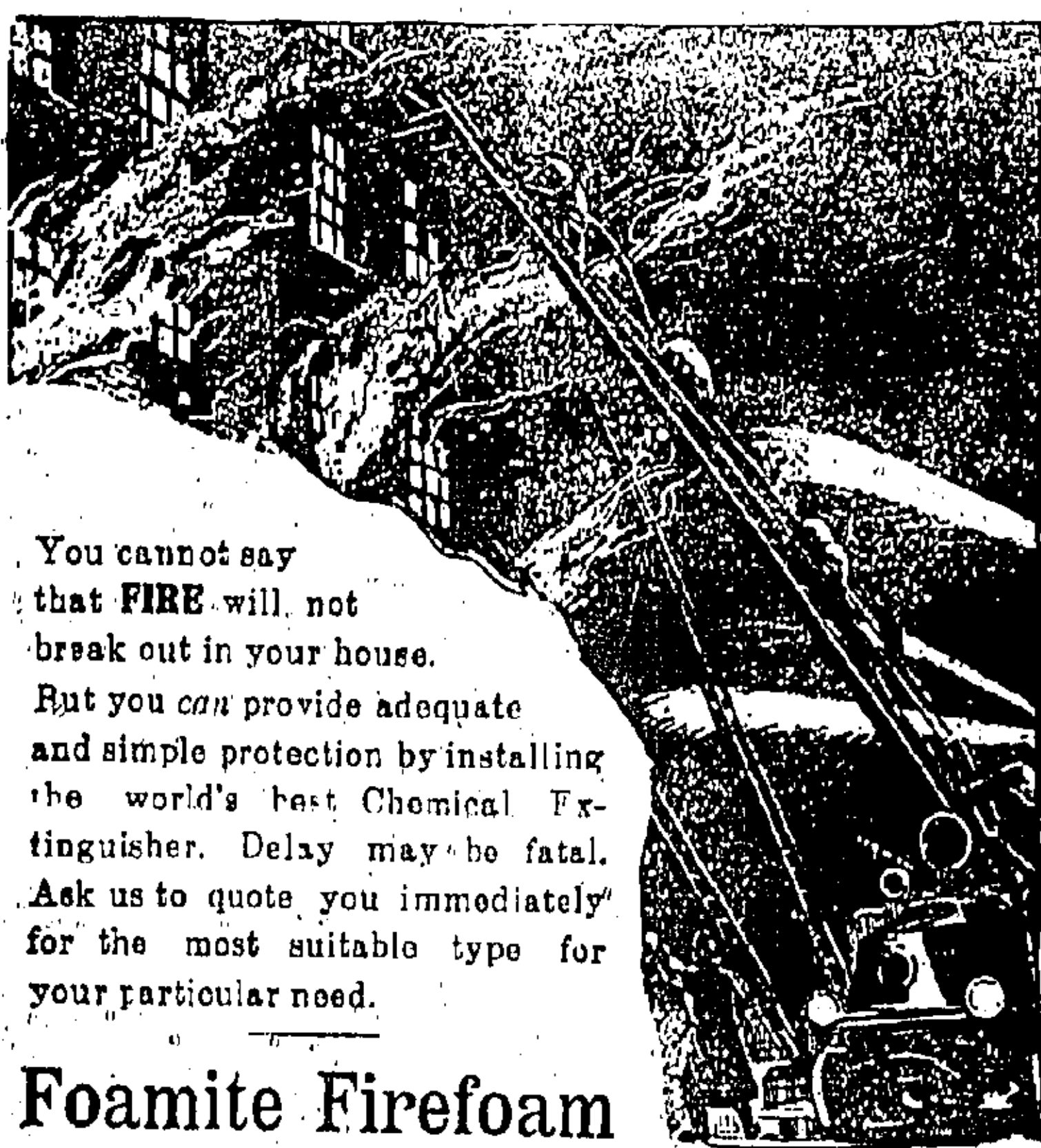
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PASSPORT FRAUD.

ALLEGATIONS AGAINST A PERUVIAN.

Emigrants and Useless Passports.

Allegations of extensive frauds by means of useless passports were made against a Peruvian named Augusto Gonzales, alias Chan Mo Lan, at the Central Magistracy, before Major C. Wilson yesterday.

The defendant was charged on four counts, the first being that he obtained \$710 by false pretences from Mau Fei between June 1, 1924, and October 1, 1924, the money being part payment for a passport which would admit Mau Fei to America, whereas the passport issued to him was invalid and was in reality the passport of another person.

The second charge was one of obtaining \$300 by false pretences from Fong Pui and \$300 from Fong Wing, the money being in part payment for passports which would take them into America, and whereas the defendant was not in a position to supply such passports and was not authorised to issue them.

The third and fourth charges were of obtaining \$600 by false pretences from Yan Cho, being part payment for two passports supplied to Yeung Kee and Yeung Po, and of obtaining \$300 from Lau Wun.

Balance After Landing.

The case for the prosecution was conducted by Detective Sub-Inspector Doyling. The defendant was not legally represented. Inspector Doyling said the defendant met a man called Yeung Yan Cho at a house in Hollywood Road some time during the middle of 1924. During the conversation which followed, defendant asked the man where he lived, and several days later he was visited by the defendant.

The conversation eventually turned on the subject of passports, and defendant asked Yeung Yan Cho if he had any friends who wanted to visit America. Defendant added that he was in a position to supply the necessary passports. They would allow the persons holding them to land in America, and said he could guarantee the safety of anyone who went.

Yeung found several clansmen who were anxious to go to America, and eventually various sums of money were paid to the defendant by certain people and agreements made for the issue of the passports.

It was understood that the persons holding them would be able to land, and that the balance of the amount agreed upon for payment would be remitted after landing had been effected.

Vice-Consul's Evidence.

The first witness called was Mr. J. Cameron Hawking, Vice-Consul of the American Consulate General, Hongkong, who said that to his knowledge he had never seen defendant before. He was not connected with the Consulate, and as far as witness knew he had never had any connection with it.

He had no authority to issue passports. To issue them he would have to be a Consul General at least and he was sure defendant was not that.

Yeung Yan Cho was next called, and he bore out Inspector Doyling's statement in evidence. He said that his early conversations with the defendant were carried on in Cantonese. After the subject of passports had been mentioned, witness asked if a pass-

port could be obtained for his son, Yeung Kee. It was agreed that a total sum of \$2,900 should be paid for the passport.

Deposit of \$300.

A deposit of \$300 was agreed upon, and after the money had been paid, witness received a receipt from the defendant signed by himself. The balance was to be paid after advices had been received that the emigrant had landed in America.

Another man named Mau Fei was also anxious to go to the United States, and when asked if it could be arranged, defendant said he could supply a passport. The sum agreed upon was similar to the previous one, but witness could not remember the exact figure as the business was done personally between the defendant and Mau Fei.

One of the men who visited America on a passport supplied by the defendant was sentenced to six months' imprisonment for trying to enter without the correct documents.

Witness detailed other transactions between different people and the defendant in respect of passports for the United States, and mentioned that a man called Lau Kwong emigrated to America, being supplied with a passport by the defendant.

Emigrant's Misfortune.

After the man had left Hongkong, witness heard that he had arrived in America, but had been refused landing and had been imprisoned. As far as witness knew Lau Kwong was still in America serving a term of five years' imprisonment.

Questioned by His Worship, who asked if any steps could be taken to get the man's release, Inspector Doyling said he had been in touch with the American authorities in Hongkong and they were waiting until the present case concluded before action was taken.

Witness supplied the first payment in respect of a passport for his nephew, Yeung Po, but no passport was ever made out to him. In regard to Fong Pui and Fong Wing witness had asked defendant to get passports for them, and a first payment of \$300 was made in each case.

After this evidence, the case was adjourned until Friday afternoon.

IRVING BERLIN'S ROMANCE.

MARRIES A MILLIONAIRE'S DAUGHTER.

New York, Jan. 5.

Despite the persistent opposition of her father, Clarence Mackay, the multi-millionaire President of the Postal Telegraph Cable Company, Ellen Mackay, aged twenty-two, has married the song writer, Irving Berlin.

Ellen previously obtained dispensation from the Pope permitting the marriage with Berlin, who is a Jew.—*Reuter's American Service.*

Sir Edward Ernest Pearson, of Brickendonbury, Hertford, a director of the well-known firm of contractors, Pearson and Son, Ltd., died suddenly last month. He was 51. During the war he was responsible for the construction of the Government factory at Gretna. Son of the late Mr. George Pearson, brother of Lord Cowdray, Sir Edward joined the Pearson firm in 1900, and had charge of numerous works, among them being the Malta dry docks and breakwater for the Admiralty and the Port of Valparaiso for the Chilean Government.

INDIANS AND SANDHURST.

VIEWS OF INDIAN ASSOCIATION.

In reply to a questionnaire of the Indian Sandhurst Committee, the Indian Association point out that Indian candidates for Sandhurst are few because of the high fees, difficulties of obtaining nomination, want of future prospects when a candidate fails and want of sufficient advertisement. They suggest that the age limit should be increased to 21 and express the hope that with the establishment of one or more Indian Sandhursts even with the standard of efficiency as high as those existing at Sandhurst there would be an ample supply of Indian candidates possessing the necessary qualities.

Schools for preliminary training should be started in every Province but for final training one or more Imperial colleges with the highest standard of efficiency should be established. The Association adds that it does not matter whether commissioned Indian officers are allowed to command a British regiment or not but there should be no distinction in pay, status or rank between Indian and British officers. Subadar Major S. N. Basu has been selected by the Indian Association to give evidence before the Indian Sandhurst Committee.

A petition crown, dated 1663, sold for £305 at Glendinning's. Engraved on it is the petition of Simon, the designer, craving the favour of Charles II. against a Dutch rival.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.

Per s.s. Korea. Maru from San Francisco via ports, January 5.—Mr. and Mrs. P. W. Barker, Mr. W. C. Curtis, Mr. Y. S. Cheng, Mr. Y. C. Cheng, Mr. Der Woey Sing, Mr. H. Kasegai, Mr. C. Y. Liang, Mr. O. D. Terrell, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Thompson, Mrs. Bruce Wees, Mr. M. Yoshihara, Mrs. Thea Anderson, Mrs. Maude M. Doornbos, Mrs. B. Hawkins, Mrs. Y. Kiu and 2 children, Mr. N. P. Lam, Mr. S. P. Lin, Mr. L. P. Oliver, Mr. Tam You, Mrs. F. Tsuda and child, Mr. and Mrs. Young Hwang and infant.

Per s.s. Ambrose, from Shanghai, January 5.—Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Wallace, Mr. R. S. James, Mr. T. S. Neave, Mr. and Mrs. Chantong, Mr. J. O. Upham, Mr. Z. E. Shih, Mr. J. V. Murray.

DEPARTED.

Per s.s. President Hayes for New York via ports, January 5.—Mrs. Carolyn W. Manton, Miss Mildred Morgan, Mr. Martin R. Nicholson, Mrs. Helen M. Nightingale, Master E. D. Nightingale, Mr. and Mrs. A. Pellens, Mrs. Edith B. Ross, Mr. Minor L. Stephens, Mr. J. W. K. Wernham, Mrs. Helen M. Wernham, Mr. Arthur Burdison, Mrs. Helen M. Burdison, Dr. Edward N. Goldsch, Prof. Edwin M. Loeb, Mrs. Harriet A. Loeb, Mrs. Elizabeth Sheard, Mrs. Helen Large, Mr. Audry R. Neale, Mrs. Dorothy E. Neale, Miss Daphne Neale, Mr. John L. Rudford, Mr. Arthur T. Rich, Mr. Clifford Ross, Mrs. T. Rubens, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Hamilton, Mr. C. P. Johnson, Mrs. Maude E. Johnson, Miss Hazel M. Johnson, Mrs. Paul F. Ring, Mr. C. Sahomi, Miss Mabel Schadt, Mr. Fred W. Stevens, Mrs. Nellie H. Stevens, Lt. Col. R. Stewart, Mrs. B. J. Stewart, Miss Shirley Stewart, Miss Phyllis Stewart, Mr. Frank H. Sherman, Mrs. Minnie L. Sherman, Miss Bessie Lounis, Mr. Paul King, Miss Ethel Miller, Mr. H. D. Stack, Mr. William Sterling, Mrs. Harriet B. Clark, Mr.

Chas. S. Caldwell, Mr. John L. Stutz, Mrs. Margaretta D. Stewart, Miss Lucy Stewart, Mr. J. L. Rogers, Mrs. K. Rogers, Mr. Y. L. Costa, Baron E. de Calhien, Mr. Guy Emilio Mouffels, Mr. and Mrs. John G. Manley, Mr. C. Williamson, Mrs. Grace D. Sheard, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. E. Southard, Mr. J. J. Kearney, Mr. Miyamoto, Mr. Jintau.

Per s.s. Ambrose for Europe via ports, January 5.—Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Hinde, Miss S. Clarke, Miss E. Field, Miss S. L. Ward, Miss E. W. Poor, Miss Barbara Holt, Miss Mary Noyes, Mr. W. R. Cherry, Mrs. Victoria Storer, Mr. and Mrs. Steve Avramov, Mr. Carl A. Schoon, Mr. Novakowski, Mr. Alexander Barker, Mrs. Olga P. Jankovich, Mr. and Mrs. Lopes do Rosario, Mr. Le Duc, Mr. Derrien, Mr. Meziere, Mr. Calonne, Mr. Talas, Mr. Bervin, Mr. Le Meur, Mr. Lantiez, Mr. W. B. McKittrick, Mr. R. H. Rehbeck, Mr. Guen, Mr. Guene, Mr. Laureau, Mr. Etjviller, Mr. Lagadeo, Mr. Fouquet.

Per Admiral Line President Jefferson, for Seattle via ports, January 4.—Mr. S. L. Chan, Mr. L. Y. Ng, Mr. A. G. Madden, Mr. Him Wing, Mr. Moy Sam Ling, Mrs. H. H. Swan, Mr. G. F. Obey, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Ross, and Mr. A. J. Dorn.

Another feat of plastic surgery, which since the war has become an important branch of surgical science, was reported recently, by Hahnemann Medical College, whose surgeons have successfully restored a deformed receding chin to its normal appearance. The patient, Benjamin Hanford, of New York, who sustained the injury a few years ago while playing football, was treated by undermining the tissue of the neck with the implantation of fat and connective tissue cut from his abdomen, which became in effect a graft beneath the chin. After the first operation the grafted tissue merged with the tissue of the chin, which has now returned to its natural proportion.

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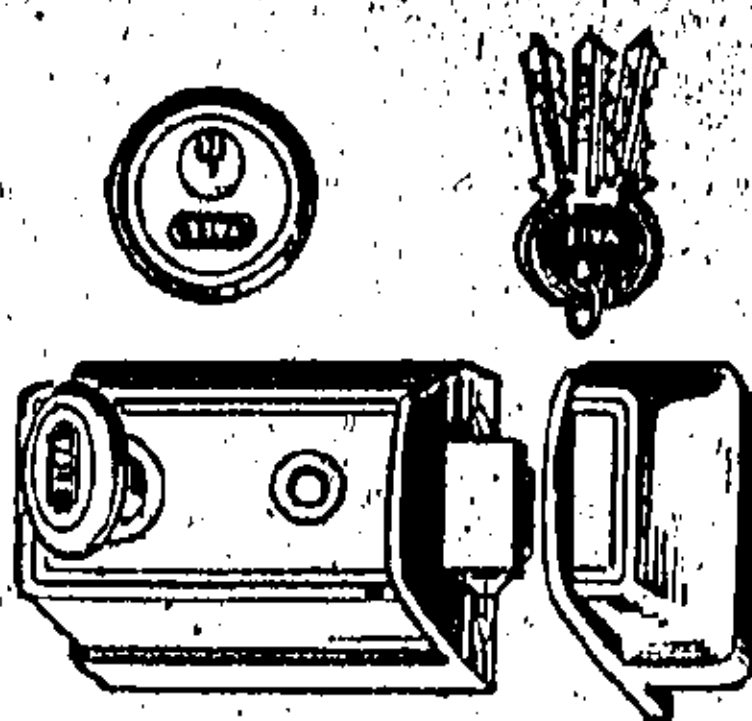
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CHINA'S OUTLOOK.

Inspired no doubt by the recent recovery of Marshal Chang Tso-lin when on the verge of overwhelming defeat, and especially the successes of General Feng Yu-shiang, who is ostensibly the champion of the present Peking regime, the London Daily Telegraph has published an editorial on Chinese problems which shows a thorough grasp of the main features of the situation. In Reuter's summary, given yesterday, the London journal is represented as pointing out that it matters little whether Feng stays or goes, the same process of civil disturbance will be carried on. That really sums up the whole matter, and makes friends of China despair whenever they consider the outlook before the country. Another news cable yesterday referred to General Feng's announcement that he is giving up public life and going abroad. Presuming that he carries out this newly-conceived intention, we may visualise many things, including a triumphal tour of the European capitals, in the wake of the late General Hsu. Also, a certain return to the public life of his country, at probably no very remote date, when he feels the call for action; and all the world knows what results when a Chinese war-lord returns to public life.

Despite the great upheavals in the country, China's revenues have actually increased during the past year. The foreign-controlled customs service has had no little share in this showing of returns. The Daily Telegraph uses this as a peg on which to hang the moral of what would result were customs autonomy granted at this juncture or extra-territoriality removed. There cannot be any doubt that the country is over-ridden by militarism and anarchy. Where generals do not hold sway, bandits are in the running. Peculation is to be expected wherever an unscrupulous militarist can obtain unfettered control of the revenues. Undoubtedly China is still unfit for the concessions her self-styled representatives in the North are loudly claiming. Absolute autonomy and freedom of jurisdiction are her right—when she is properly administered by a central government able to

DAY BY DAY.

THE KINDLY HAND-CLASP AND EXPRESSIVE SMILE, WHICH ACCOMPANY THE GIFT, ARE PART OF THE CHARM WHICH REVERENDS THE GIVING A GRACE.—I. H. Wilson.

The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 4.7/16d.

There was a clean bill of health in the Colony yesterday.

According to the old Chinese calendar to-day is Slight Cold (Hsiao-han).

Mr. Sun Fo left Shanghai for Canton yesterday by the s.s. President Grant.

The master of the s.s. Soochow this morning reports having passed a junk, bottom up and awash S. 64 E. (mag) 8 miles from Chi-lung Point lighthouse.

The P. & O. liner Macedonia, which left Shanghai at 4.30 p.m. yesterday, is due here at 6 a.m. on the 8th instant.

Lieut. G. C. Fawns, H. K. S. Brigade R.A., has qualified as second class at the Interpreter-ship Examination in Urdu.

Messrs. Lammert Brothers advise us that the auction sale which commences this afternoon at Messrs. Lane, Crawford's Ladies' Department, will be resumed to-morrow morning at 10.30 a.m. To-day, lots from 1 to 200 will be sold, No. 201 being the first lot offered to-morrow.

Mr. Wang Ching-wei, Chairman of the Canton Government, has received a telegram reporting that Gen. Wu Teh-chon, Commissioner of Public Safety, sailed from Shanghai on December 29 for Canton and that Mr. Chang Chin-kiang, an old-time worker in the revolutionary cause, is accompanying him.

An opportunity of assisting the dependants of the late Able Seaman Batchelor will be given to students of the Colony on the 13th instant, when a supper dance will be held in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel. Tickets will be \$2 single and \$3 double, and the whole of the proceeds will be given to the deceased seaman's dependants.

enforce its wishes. But the discovery of the date when that great era is to dawn remains the biggest riddle of the universe.

Our Trees.

Reference is made in the annual report of the Director of the Botanical and Forestry Department, for 1924, to the severe pruning of roadside trees, whereby some shade has been sacrificed but less resistance offered to high winds. This was found to be a necessary practice after the severe damage suffered in the big typhoon of 1923. The item reminds one that the big banyan trees on either side of Nathan Road are to be sacrificed in due course, it having been decided that they obscure the street lamps, whilst their gnarled roots, projecting considerably above ground, are an obstruction to traffic. One's first feeling is of regret that some less fractious kind of tree was not originally planted. The shady avenue of Nathan Road has as many advantages as otherwise, and the time between cutting down the present banyans and raising their substitutes to fair proportions, will cover a considerable period, when the roadway will be unpleasantly bare. There is also the question of tree-planting along the many new highways of the Colony (we refer, of course, to the long stretches where the land on either side is sufficiently level for the purpose). A great deal of comfort, and a certain amount of beauty, is derivable from the rows of shade trees which modern taste demands by roadsides. For Hongkong (and Kowloon) there must always remain the factor of suitability of species—the banyan has been placed in the list of barred kinds, and it is open to question whether all the other trees now seen in the Colony are quite suitable. The factor of brittleness will ever obtrude itself into the calculation of road authorities and others concerned with tree planting in typhoon-swept areas, and we wonder whether certain species now being favoured (other than banyans) come up to the required standard of strength.

ATHERLEY CASE.

(Continued from Page 1.)

it has been altered or not. Does it look like it?—Yes; it looks like a correction. Mr. Zeitlyn:—Made to fit Mr. Chau.

In course of further cross-examination, it transpired that the alteration had been made in respect of another account and not of the Bluebird account.

Mr. Zeitlyn then referred the comrade to a statement in the book written in English to the effect that \$1,641 were banked at the Asia Banking Corporation on March 24th. Is it not true, he asked, that the firm at that time had no account with the Asia Bank?

A CLERICAL ERROR. Witness:—Perhaps it is a clerical error.

Mr. Zeitlyn:—It makes a good deal of difference to a firm if money is paid into a bank at which it has no account instead of one in which it has an account. Clerical error, hm, very well.

Continuing, Mr. Zeitlyn asked:—There is an entry which states that a cheque from the Wing On Company was paid into the bank on March 24th. Was not that cheque received on March 20th and what happened to it between the 20th and 24th?—Perhaps.

His Lordship: (interrupting) Let us go by stages. Was the cheque received on the 20th?—I do not know; it is not my business.

Counsel:—Not your business! Then why was it that a sum which was paid to you on the 20th March, which was a Thursday, was not banked until the 24th March?—That can be explained by the cashier.

Take the 25th March, look at Exhibit "B," Chan Yuen, \$207.78. You have told us that there is against that entry in Exhibit "B" a chop of the date 22nd April, 1924. Is that the date of payment into the bank?—It means there that it was paid into the bank on that day. I don't know.

Look at "C." Does it give the date of payment as the 25th March? How do you account for that discrepancy?—I must explain the matter in this way—that on the 25th March the taipan asked me for that amount to be paid to him. I told the cashier to hand the money to the taipan and the taipan could give the cashier a receipt. Then the man who wrote the book did not know what had happened, what had been done with the cheque. He thought that the amount had already been paid into the bank. The cashier considers that after having handed the money to the taipan his responsibility ceases. Afterwards, when the taipan returns the amount to the cashier, the latter put this on the book, and took the money to the bank that same day.

If that were an honest entry, first of all why does it not appear when the money was handed to the taipan?—The cashier was under the impression all the time that after having handed the money to the taipan his responsibility ceased and he therefore did not make the entry.

Why was there not an entry in the book in which you were to show the true state of accounts of the Company, why was there not an entry showing that the money had been handed over to the manager?—I ask you to put that question to the cashier.

SALE OF NEWSPAPERS. Witness:—Was then examined in regard to the entries made in respect of the sale of newspapers to the Sing Wo On firm, the monies collected under which heading were stated in the entries to have been paid to the taipan on the 23rd March and paid to the bank "another day." Witness was asked why two separate entries could not be made for the monies carried in this way.

Witness:—I ask you to ask the man who had charge of the books, the cashier.

Counsel:—Can you tell me why these entries were crossed out?—I can explain it in this way. The cashier had already prepared to pay this money into the bank and had already made an entry to that effect in Exhibit "B" when he received instructions from the taipan that this money was to be handed over to him (the taipan), and thus the entry was crossed out after being made. This instruction to hand over the money to the taipan was from the taipan to the comrade, that is to say myself.

SWALLOWED POISON.

MRS. THAW RUSHED TO HOSPITAL.

Chicago, Jan. 5. Mrs. Evelyn Thaw was rushed to hospital early this morning after swallowing a quantity of poisonous disinfectant and telephoning for a doctor, who hurried to her apartment.

An ambulance was summoned, but Mrs. Thaw was unconscious when she reached hospital. She had just completed a contract as a cabaret entertainer, and was about to leave for Florida.—Reuter's American Service.

RAILWAY RADIO.

SUCCESSFUL GERMAN EXPERIMENT.

Berlin, Jan. 5. The installation of wireless telephony on a train from Berlin to Hamburg opened to-day most successfully. The hearing at both ends was excellent, despite the noise of the train, which was travelling over sixty miles an hour. Communication with a Berlin newspaper office was established within a few minutes. A three-minute call costs 5½ marks.—Reuter.

ITALIAN DEBT.

MISSION TO LONDON DELAYED.

Rome, Jan. 5. The Mission of Signor Volpi, which is empowered to negotiate the question of the Italian debt, has postponed its departure for London on account of the absence of Queen Marguerite.—Indopacific.

Questioned in regard to another newspaper item on March 24th, witness was asked if an alteration had not been made in the character "taipan." Witness:—I believe this is not an alteration. It is in the cashier's handwriting. According to me, it does not look as if it had been altered.

As with the other newspaper item already dealt with, witness in this case also said that after the full entry had been made in the book, it was crossed out when instructions were received from Atherley to hand the money to him, instead of to the bank. These instructions were issued by Atherley not before the sale of the newspapers, but after the first collection of these sales had commenced to come in.

Counsel:—The first payment, Mr. Chau, with regard to the newspapers was collected on the 24th March. On that day did you have instructions from the taipan not to pay into the bank but to hold the money?—I cannot remember the date of the instructions. On the whole, he did give me those instructions.

Witness was pressed to state the precise date on which this instruction was given, and he said that in respect of the sale indicated in the entry of March 24th, the entry was crossed out after this instruction was issued, and after he had collected the money. The entries shown in the book as having been crossed out were crossed out because they were newspaper items.

JUDGE'S QUERIES. His Lordship:—You say that this entry "is crossed out because it relates to newspapers?—Yes. I did that, because we also had instructions not to pay into the bank.

His Lordship:—On March 25th there is a reference in the entry to two sums of money received during that day having been paid into the bank?—Yes.

His Lordship:—As a matter of fact, the monies were not paid into the bank on that date. How is that explained?—I considered the monies handed to the taipan, as in fact they were, as having been paid into the bank.

Mr. Zeitlyn:—And the Bank was stated to be the Chartered Bank?—The clerk who made that entry in Exhibit "C," did not know what was going on. He presumed that it had been paid into the bank.

Counsel:—But "C" is supposed to be a translation of "B"?—It is a translation. The date is the same, only payment is made after. Further questions were put to witness in regard to these discrepancies between the entries of the two books, and the Court then adjourned for the tiffin interval.

HON. MR. FLETCHER.

ENTERTAINED TO-DAY BY BUSINESS MEN.

In appreciation of his services rendered to business interests of the Colony during his lengthy residence here, the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C. M. G., C. B. E., was to-day entertained to tiffin by the Chairman and Committee of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce. The function, which was marked by the presence of His Excellency the Governor (Sir Cecil Clementi, K.C.M.G.) took place in the Roof Garden of the Hongkong Hotel.

Occasion was taken to present to the guest of honour a handsome silver loving cup, subscribed for by members of the chamber, of whom there was a fully representative attendance, present. The cup bore the following inscription:

Presented to The Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., C.B.E. by the Members of the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce as a token of esteem and appreciation of many years invaluable services to the Commercial and Shipping interests of Hongkong, January, 1926. The Chairman of the Chamber (Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak) presided, and on his right, at the head table, sat His Excellency the Governor, with the Hon. Mr. Fletcher on his left. Mr. B. R. Forster, private secretary to the Governor, was also present. The other seats at this table were occupied by members of the Chamber who are either on the Executive or Legislative Council, or are members of the General Committee of the Chamber, namely: the Hon. Sir Paul Chater, Kt., C.M.G., the Hon. Sir Henry Pollock, K. B., K.C., the Hon. Sir Shou-son Chow, K.B., the Hon. Mr. R. H. Kotewall, the Vice-Chairman of the Chamber, the Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang, Mr. G. M. Young, M.B.E., Mr. Paul Lauder, Mr. A. H. Barlow, Mr. D. G. M. Bernard, Mr. W. H. Bell, Mr. J. Owen Hughes, Mr. J. A. Plummer, Mr. T. G. Weall, Lt.-Commander C. St. C. Ingham, R.N., Major R. D. Bennett, M.C.

After the loyal toasts, the Chairman proposed the health of His Excellency the Governor, congratulating him on his elevation to the knighthood, to which toast His Excellency interestingly replied, referring to the deserved honour which has been conferred on Mr. Fletcher.

The toast of Sir Shou-son Chow was also specially honoured on the call of the Chairman. Mr. Holyoak then proposed the main toast in the course of a lengthy and felicitous speech, all his remarks being enthusiastically greeted.

Mr. Fletcher replied, expressing his thanks and gratitude for the honour which the Chamber had done him.

RUSH FOR STOCK.

A NEW YORK FLOTATION.

New York, Jan. 5.

The Dillon Read Company announced that fifty-five million dollars worth of National Cash Register stock, which they offered to-day, was over-subscribed within five minutes.—Reuter's American Service.

[A cable yesterday reported negotiations by the Dillon Read Company for financing German steel works.]

STRIKE PARLEY.

DISAPPOINTING REPORT BY DELEGATES.

There was a large attendance of Chinese merchants at the Chinese Chamber of Commerce rooms last evening, presided over by Sir Shou-son Chow, at which the report of the eight delegates recently sent to Canton to discuss the settlement of the strike and boycott was received.

Mr. Li Yau-tsun, the head of the delegation, gave an account of the various receptions and functions held during the stay in Canton, and made particular mention of the dinner given by the Strike Committee at the Hotel Asia on New Year's Day. At this dinner, the delegates were informed that the strike and boycott had been organized on patriotic grounds and were not aimed at the Chinese merchants of Hongkong. It was further added that in addition to demands involving political issues, there was the question of re-instatement of the strikers and also that of strike pay, and the Strike Committee were of opinion that these matters could not be negotiated by Hongkong Chinese merchants.

Mr. M. K. Lo also reported on the visit, saying the strikers understood the delegation to represent only the Chinese and not the whole community or the European merchants of Hongkong, and, that being so, they requested the delegates to return to Hongkong and ask that the four official delegates already appointed be sent to Canton to discuss the settlement.

Other speeches were made, it being stated that the strikers first desired discussion of their terms, financial matters to be considered later.

It is understood that Sir Shou-son Chow will now discuss the matter with the Hongkong Government.

TRAFFIC MISHAPS.

THREE REPORTED YESTERDAY.

As a licensed Chinese motor driver was driving a car along Queen's Road East, yesterday, when near Arsenal Street, a Chinese male ran across the road and was knocked down by the car. The man was hurt in the legs, and was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

As a ricksha coolie was taking a passenger down Hill Road yesterday, he lost control opposite the public mortuary, with the result that the ricksha overturned, throwing the passenger out. The coolie sustained slight injuries to his head and legs, and was taken to the Government Civil Hospital. The passenger quickly got up from the ground and disappeared.

An unknown Chinese male, aged about sixty-five, with the appearance of being a commercial traveller, was sent to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday, with injuries sustained while attempting to jump off a tramcar while it was in motion at the Praya East, near Amoy Street at 1.30 p.m. He died at the hospital during the night.

RAILWAY FATALITY.

CHINESE WOMAN KILLED.

As the 2.12 p.m. up train on the Kowloon-Canton Railway was passing the 3 1/4 mile mark yesterday afternoon, it knocked down an unknown female Chinese, and she was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital suffering from multiple injuries. Apparently she had been attempting to cross the line, and did not see or hear the approaching train until it was too late. She died shortly after being admitted to hospital.

CRICKET MATCH.

H.K.C.C. v CIVIL SERVICE.

The second eleven of the above Clubs meet in a League match at Happy Valley on Saturday, at 2 p.m.

The H.K.C.C. team will be: Messrs. D. E. G. Nicholson (capt.), C. L. R. Becher, H. Griffin, P. Jacks, A. K. Mackenzie, T. D. E. Pendered, J. A. H. Plummer, G. Skinner, H. G. Stevenson, G. H. Vallack and E. M. Watson.

LATEST PICTURES FROM HOME.



Mr. Thomas Mason Wilford, father of the New Zealand House of Representatives, was recently entertained to lunch at the House of Commons by Mr. T. P. O'Connor, the father of the British House of Commons. Born of Yorkshire parents 55 years ago, Mr. Wilford has completed 27 consecutive years of parliamentary service. Left to right are seen Mr. T. P. O'Connor, Mr. L. S. Amory, Secretary of State for the Colonies, and Mr. Thomas M. Wilford on the terrace of the House of Commons.



The funeral procession of the late Queen Alexandra is here seen nearing Westminster Abbey, amongst those following the cortege being His Majesty the King, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales, the Duke of York and the Kings of Belgium, Norway and Denmark.

RECENT COLLISION.

TRAMCAR DRIVER FINED.

When a Chinese tramcar driver failed to observe a policeman's signal to stop at the junction of Pedder Street and Des Voeux Road on December 11th, the tram collided with a motor car, belonging to the Peruvian Consul, causing slight damage to the rear side of the vehicle. The sequel was heard at the Central Police Court this morning, when the driver was summoned under the Tramway Ordinance of 1902 for failing to stop when signalled to do so by a policeman.

Inspector Alexander said the defendant, who had been dismissed, was driving a tramcar, and at the junction of Pedder Street and Des Voeux Road Central he stopped the car to enable passengers to alight. The police constable who was on duty saw a motor car travelling down Pedder Street, and he signalled the tramcar to remain stationary. Before he removed the signal, the tramcar started, and collided with the motor car.

An Indian constable stated that as the motor car was on the tram lines, the driver pulled up to enable some coolies to pass. The engine stopped and the driver got out to start it. The tramcar started, however, and a collision occurred.

The defendant said he tried to stop the tramcar, but it would not stop dead.

He was fined \$10, or fourteen days.

INTERPORT RUGBY.

PRAISE FOR HONGKONG'S BACKS.

In its report of the interport rugby match between Shanghai and Hongkong (which the former won by ten points to three), the Shanghai Times says driving rain and bitter cold made it difficult for the outside to handle the ball, and many a movement on both sides broke down in the passing. Shanghai proved better able to adapt themselves to the conditions. The Hongkong forwards worked hard, but were not up to the Shanghai pack. The half-time score was five points to three in Shanghai's favour.

"Hongkong's back division," says the Times, "looked as if it might be a very formidable combination on a dry day, possessing pace, cleverness and experience. They taught the Shanghai line a thing or two about making use of a following wind to rest their forwards. Lammert on the left wing was the outstanding player, being ably supported by Lloyd. The other wing did not see nearly so much of the ball, but showed their mettle whenever it came their way. Of their forwards, Foster stood out conspicuously, doing a tremendous amount of work and playing hard and fast football."

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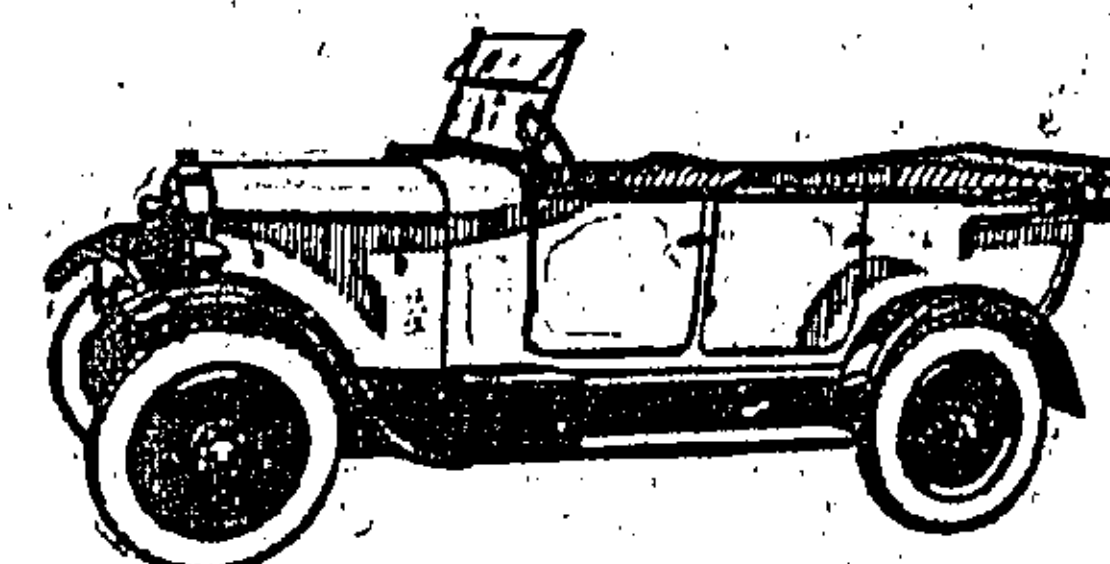
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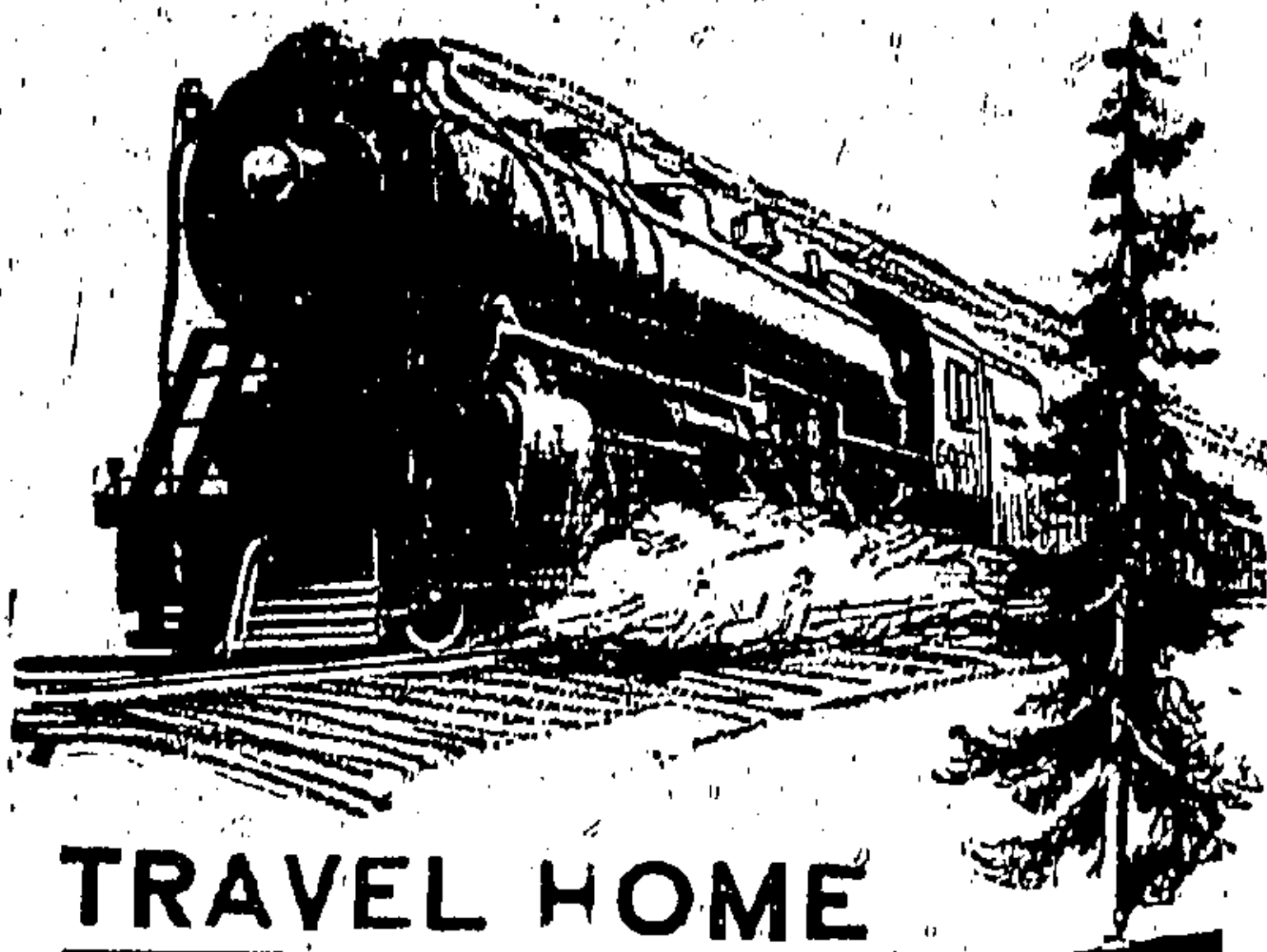
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RIFLE SHOOTING.

HONGKONG RIFLE LEAGUE
MATCHES.H. M. S. Hawkins v H. M. S.
Ambrose v. 1st Batt. East Surreys.

A triangular match was shot off
at Stonecutters Range on Tuesday,
December 22, and resulted in a
win for H. M. S. Hawkins against
H. M. S. Ambrose and 1st Batt.
East Surreys. The scores were as
follows:

H. M. S. Hawkins.			
Sgt. W. J. Shaw	200	500	600
Col. Sgt. W. Gossett	28	28	27
A. B. L. Ring	30	31	22
P. O. H. Page	28	25	29
P. O. A. C. Thoday	27	27	27
P. O. A. Lewry	25	24	25
L. S. S. Trowbridge	28	25	18
P. O. T. Shenton	25	25	17
Total	200	500	600

H. M. S. Ambrose.			
Mr. H. Stark	25	27	31
Com. J. G. Bower	29	25	26
Col. J. Green	28	28	22
Mae. A. Nicholson	23	24	25
Sgt. A. V. Phillips	24	20	25
Col. T. Spender	20	16	28
Mae. T. Bentham	23	27	13
Mae. A. E. Harris	22	22	16
Total	200	500	600

1st Batt. East Surreys.			
Sgt. R. Hicks	23	26	27
Sgt. A. Sales	20	23	30
C. J. M. S. E.	30	27	18
L. Sgt. A. Jones	22	18	27
Maj. J. F. Drake	21	24	24
C. S. M. C. Estall	16	23	25
Pte. W. Thorne	17	27	19
Pte. W. Cheeseman	16	18	14
Total	200	500	600

H. M. S. Hawkins won by 103 and
70 points.
H. M. S. Ambrose won by 36
points.

Ambrose, Titania and Iroquois.

The following triangular shoot
in the Hongkong League took place
at Stonecutters Range, on 2nd inst.

H. M. S. Ambrose.			
Mr. H. Stark, W.	26	30	31
Col. Sgt. R. N.	27	25	30
Col. Sgt. H. V.	25	26	30
Cpl. J. Green, R.M.	24	23	29
Comdr. J. Bower, R.M.	30	25	20
Sgt. A. Phillips, R.M.	21	28	23
Mae. A. Nicholson, R.M.	21	25	26
Mae. T. Bentham, R.M.	23	23	25
Total	200	500	600

H. M. S. Titania.			
Lt. Kemur, R.N.	30	29	25
Sgt. M. C. Harper, R.N.	22	30	29
A. B. E. Bryant, R.N.	28	27	25
Mae. E. Pirth, R.M.	24	27	23
Cpl. R. Keir, R.M.	23	26	22
Sto. S. Farrell, R.N.	28	17	26
L. Sen. H. Hammond, R.N.	24	22	23
Sgt. W. Smith, R.M.	24	18	18
Total	200	500	600

H. M. S. Iroquois.			
L. Sen. W. Wise, R.N.	29	25	27
A. B. P. Hoare, R.N.	27	25	26
P. O. C. Stace, R.N.	24	27	21
S. P. O. A. Potter, R.N.	18	20	28
A. B. E. Lobb, R.N.	20	24	21
A. B. G. Barnes, R.N.	24	18	21
A. B. H. Hawker, R.N.	23	13	22
P. O. T. Vincent, R.N.	16	13	12
Total	200	500	600

Hongkong Police v. H. M. S.
Hawkins.

The above match was shot off
at Taikoo Range on Sunday,
January 3rd, and resulted in a win
for H.M.S. Hawkins. Scores:

H. M. S. Hawkins.			
P. O. H. Page	31	31	25
Col. Sgt. W. Gossett	28	31	27
P. O. A. C. Thoday	26	29	28
L. S. S. Trowbridge	27	28	28
P. O. A. Lewry	28	30	24
P. O. T. Shenton	26	30	25
Lieut. C. Wauchope	29	29	21
A. B. L. Ring	29	25	24
Total	200	500	600

Hongkong Police.			
Sub. Insp. M. Wilson	31	26	28
P. C. O. Pitches	26	27	26
Sgt. W. Wynne	22	30	25
Sgt. M. Knowles	20	27	21
Sgt. W. Ritzche	23	22	22
Sgt. A. Smith	25	20	18
Sgt. A. E. Churman	15	17	14
Total	200	500	600

Hawkins won by 103 points.

TO-DAY'S HEALTH
TALK.

BY DR. H. S. CUMMING.

There are two forms of appendicitis, acute and chronic. That form which appears suddenly, with great pain and sickness, is acute. Chronic appendicitis may extend over a long period of time and consists of slight attacks at intervals, but at some time there will usually occur an attack worse than any before and the disease may then become very serious.

In the beginning, appendicitis may not appear as a serious illness and the patient may have one or more light attacks of the disease, before it becomes serious. On the other hand, a first attack may prove fatal. Some people suffering from the first attack of the disease do not imagine that it is anything serious or important, attributing the intestinal disturbance to dyspepsia, "colic," or incorrect diet. Most patients have some pain even in the mildest attacks.

The acute attack appears suddenly. Sometimes the patient experiences this acute attack after an error in diet, exposure to the cold, damp feet, or some other common experience.

The first symptom is pain, sometimes over the entire abdomen, sometimes in a particular portion in the right side of the abdomen. Sometimes this pain extends around to the back or down into the right limb. The pain is cramp-like and is often mistaken for colic.

In a few hours it becomes more severe and the patient becomes nauseated and sometimes vomits. The fever rises to 100 or 101 degrees and the pulse becomes quickened. On gentle pressure over the region of the appendix, tenderness is found. The muscles of the right side of the abdomen become cramped and stiff. Sometimes there is a chill. This right leg may be drawn up.

Chronic appendicitis is the result of repeated attacks of the milder forms of appendicitis. At each attack the appendix changes a little in form, becoming thicker, causing the little canal running through it to become smaller and smaller and eventually shutting it off entirely.

This shutting off of the canal causes liquids and food to be retained in the appendix. The liquids and food may decompose and cause inflammation of the little pocket that is formed. Pus may form and distend the appendix. Frequently a growth is formed which binds the appendix to the intestines or other portions of the body in its vicinity.

The symptoms of chronic appendicitis appear in the form of attacks with free intervals of health, or the patient may have constant digestive disturbances. He suffers from intestinal discomfort, pain, and general ill health. When the appendix is removed, the symptoms disappear and the patient is rapidly restored to good health.

The best surgical and medical opinion is unanimously agreed that all acute cases of appendicitis should be operated upon at once for the removal of the offending organ as soon as the attack is noticed. Practically all good surgeons agree that it is unsafe to await a second attack, no matter how mild the first may be. All good surgeons also agree that all chronic cases of this disease should also be operated upon.

In the mild cases the operation is not dangerous, particularly if operated early, but acute cases of appendicitis are practically all dangerous after 24 hours duration and after this time the course of the disease is rapid and the danger is greater. Without operation, in cases of acute appendicitis, it is often fatal in a few days. Death may result from the bursting of the swollen appendix, which may infect the whole body cavity and cause peritonitis, the blood taking up the diseased bacteria and causing in a few days septic peritonitis, or as it is ordinarily known, one form of blood poisoning. In rare cases where early operation has not been performed a surgeon may postpone operation until the patient has recovered.

When a person is taken ill suddenly, with pain in the abdomen, with or without nausea and vomiting, the first thing to do is to call your doctor. Delay is dangerous. Put the patient to bed.

Lack of information of the early signs of appendicitis is responsible for the delay in determining the disease and the consequent delay in relieving the patient of his condition. The treatment of this disease is not nearly so serious.

KING TUT X-RAYED.

ANCIENT MURDER MYSTERY.

Nearly 33 centuries ago the priests of Thebes placed the mummy of Tutankhamen in its coffin.

One day last month Mr. Harold Carter lifted the mummy out of the innermost of three gold-covered cases inside the sandstone sarcophagus, and propped it up against the wall.

Then Dr. Derry, Professor of Anatomy at Cairo, submitted it to X-ray examination.

Thus ended dramatically the sleep of centuries. The King had been undisturbed while empires rose and fell. Wars and revolutions long forgotten passed him by. Even the stir within the tomb when it was opened two years ago had left the coffin undisturbed.

Other secrets are to be revealed than the contents of this Royal coffin. There is a deep mystery in the circumstances of Tutankhamen's death in that long-ago year of 1346 B.C.

Some Egyptologists argue—from the expression of the face in the more finely worked portrait statues—that Tutankhamen died from tuberculosis. Others find reasons for believing that he died of violence.

In any case, the X-ray examination is certain to give the approximate age of the King.

If no indications are given of the cause of death, Dr. Lucas, chemist of the Egyptian Department of Antiquities, will later make an analysis of the King's internal organs for possible traces of poison. These organs are at present contained in canopic jars, boarded up in a stone chamber under the wings of guardian angel statues—the supreme artistic treasures of the tomb so far discovered.

Ancient Murder Story.
Mr. Carter has formed a theory, from indications which he declines to discuss, that Tutankhamen may have been murdered by Horem-Hab, the General of Aknaton, the heretic King. Horem-Hab himself usurped the Crown.

ous in its early stages as it is, after a period of waiting for the patient to show signs of improvement.

How to prevent appendicitis? Keep the body in perfect health as long as possible. Watch your teeth, your tonsils, any place where an infection may occur. Get plenty of good food, plenty of sleep, plenty of exercise. Help your body to take care of itself.

Have a thorough medical examination at least once a year and have your teeth examined and cleaned by a dentist at least once every six months. This kind of watchfulness will not only help you to avoid appendicitis, it will help you to avoid many other illnesses as well.

Thus Mr. Carter aspires to the role of detective to bring to light a crime committed 3,275 years ago and concealed until now.

There are many things which point to some such conclusion. In spite of the treasures heaped in the tomb, there are signs of haste and carelessness in the actual burial. This supports the theory that Tutankhamen was secretly and hurriedly laid away amid the chaos caused by conflicting claimants to his throne.

Sworn to Secrecy.

Whatever the secret funeral, it cannot have rivalled that of his awakening to-day.

Every possible precaution was taken to prevent the news reaching the outside world of Mr. Carter's opening of the magnificent interment coffin where the Pharaoh lay wrapped in sheets of gold.

Everyone present in the tomb was sworn to secrecy in advance as to what was found in this first disturbance of the unplundered royal burial.

So far as can be learned to-day, while the excavators are still engaged on their task within the tomb, no official communiqué will be issued until the Government officials prepare a brief Arabic account at Cairo.

This secrecy preserved at this climax of the whole tomb drama was imposed by the Egyptian Government. English and American concerns in the work declare their hands tied by promises under which the work was permitted to be restarted.

Among the treasures found in the coffin is one of extraordinary interest. Mr. Carter, I believe, has already had in his hands the most magnificent manuscript that has come down from antiquity. It is a papyrus roll, over 100 feet long, containing the first Royal Book of the Dead. The manuscript is embellished with hundreds of paintings in colour by Egypt's greatest artists in her supreme period of decorative art.

This work—Tutankhamen's guide to the other world—may prove, as first glances indicate, the tomb's finest legacy.

When published in facsimile it will reveal the wonders of the school of painting founded by Aknaton, Tut's father-in-law at Tell-el-Amarna, which rivals the best work of the greatest periods of painting.

Search for a Crown.
Inside the marvellous inner coffins Mr. Carter has hoped to find the crown of Upper and Lower Egypt. These are to be handed to King Fuad as an emblem for himself and Egypt's future kings.

The outside coffin, the last and most splendid, has now been cleaned of the black resinous layer formed by the funeral libations poured on it by mourners. The gold figures of gods and ornamentation are declared superior to any similar work found in Egypt. Mr. J. L. Balderston, Special Correspondent in the Daily Chronicle.

WHO INVENTED THE
TANK?

STILL ANOTHER CLAIM.

The question as to who invented the tank was revived at the High Court on November 24th, before Mr. Justice McCardie, who heard a petition for right on behalf of Captain Bede Bentley, who claimed three hundred thousand from the Crown.

Counsel for the plaintiff said that Lord Kitchener, whom plaintiff knew in the Boer war, had requested him in October, 1919, to produce an armoured car for independent roads.

The plaintiff suggested the caterpillar with an armoured body.

Counsel declared that in an interview with Lord Kitchener at his house, Captain Bentley illustrated his design with rubber bands and pins.

Counsel asserted that Lord Kitchener had requested Captain Bentley not to patent his claim for reasons of secrecy.

Counsel declared that Captain Bentley and Lord Kitchener discussed the use of poison gas in 1919.

On the resumption of the case on November 25th, Mr. Churchill gave evidence. He said he convened on 20th February 1915, a meeting of Admiralty experts as a result of which the Admiralty Landships Committee was formed, headed by Sir Tennyson D'Eyncourt.

Subsequently, there was a very strong move by some officials to stop the construction of these machines.

Mr. Balfour preserved one petrol vehicle which was tested at Hatfield, and was the mother of the future tank.

Mr. Churchill had not heard Captain Bentley's name mentioned in connection with the scheme. Lord Kitchener never told him or the Premier that he had any plans of that kind.

Cross-examined, Mr. Churchill expressed the opinion that he had the idea of poison gas before the Germans, but refrained from using it owing to International Law.

The hearing was adjourned.

[Captain Bede Bentley is a son of the famous architect who designed Westminster Cathedral. He was a member of the Daily Telegraph's "Cape to Cairo" motor expedition in 1912.]

Apparently emulating the Plus-Fours Hamlet, Mr. Keble Howard, the author-actor, is said to have appeared in plus-fours instead of a knight's dress with blue hoar, in the play, "Lord Babs." He was sued at Brighton last month by Mr. Martin Henry, theatrical manager, who claimed £100 damages for alleged breach of contract. Judgment was given for plaintiff for £15, with costs, and a counter-claim for alleged wrongful dismissal was dismissed with costs.

SAVING THE TREE PLANTED BY WASHINGTON.



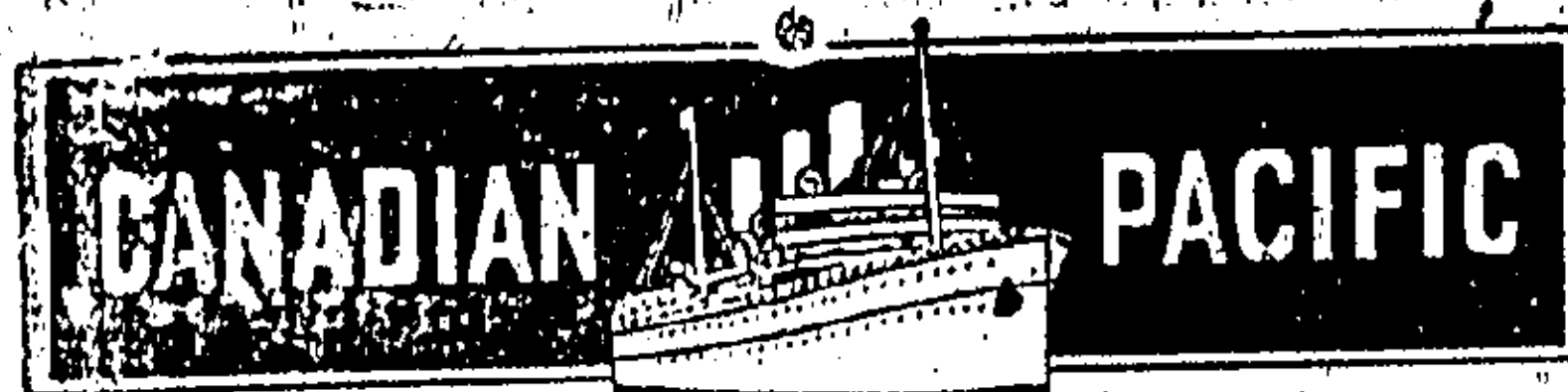
The famous old horse chestnut tree, planted by George Washington, too at Fredericksburg, Va., will be given. This assurance has been given by Congressman Martin L. Davey, of Kent, Ohio, who in private life is a national authority on trees.

At the request of the Daughters of the American Revolution and patriotic citizens of the town, Congressman Davey consented to undertake to save this last of thirteen horse chestnut trees planted by Washington.

The trees were originally planted to shade a favorite walk of the first President, leading from the home of his mother, Mary Washington, to that of his only sister, Betty Washington Lewis, "Kenilworth."

The trees each represented one of the thirteen colonies, and only one remains standing. Yielding to the patriotic appeal, Congressman Davey contributed the services of some of his tree surgeons, who after working for more than a week succeeded in removing all decayed parts, leaving a cavity in the trunk large enough for a man to enter. This with the cavity in the "limbs" required more than two tons of cement to fill.

The Congressman made a personal inspection of the work after the decay had been removed and assured the city officials that the tree could be saved and with proper care could be preserved indefinitely.



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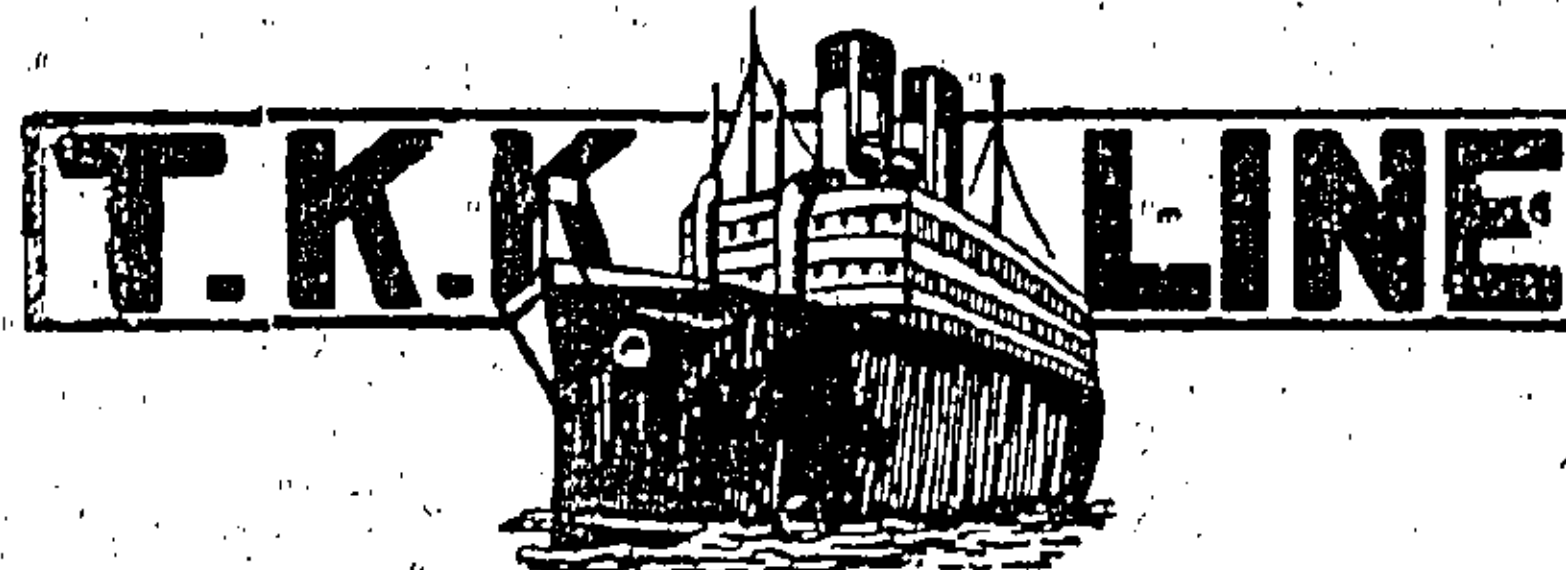
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FOREIGN PLAYS.

TAKE BERLIN BY STORM.

Foreign playwrights have taken the theatres of Berlin by storm, and it is becoming increasingly difficult to find a playhouse presenting native work.

The winter season is now in full swing, and "G. B. S." is undoubtedly the greatest favourite.

"St. Joan" and "Back to Methusalem" have been drawing crowded houses, and Shavian plays of older date, often put on for short runs, are as successful as ever.

John Galsworthy comes next in popularity, his "Loyalties" having been a triumph. Jerome K. Jerome—the programme tells Germans how to pronounce the name: Djerom Ke Djerom—two of whose plays have been produced, has quite a vogue.

Shakespeare, Oscar Wilde, and Strindberg, of course, are "always with us," and so, too, is "Charley's Aunt." America is represented by Eugene O'Neill, and France chiefly by Louis Verneuil. Spain's Calderon is never forgotten for long, and Italy's Pirandello bids fair to become a serious rival to Shaw.

A host of lighter foreign plays has yet to descend on Berlin this winter, beginning with "No, No Nanette."

PLAYS IN ENGLISH.

On Sundays one of the theatres here offers English plays in English. The experiment, it is satisfactory to state, has been a great success and, so far, "The Laughing Lady" and "The Great Adventure" have been given.

What is the cause of this great flood of foreign plays?

Most managers say that the reason is that Germany herself is producing next to nothing. But it must also be remembered, says Herr Haller, the revue producer,

that during and after the war foreign pieces were prohibited and the public is now insisting, to some extent, on seeing what it could not see before.

Dr. Martin Zickel, who runs three theatres in Berlin, says that "the older German dramatists, though masters of technique, are strangers to the problems of life to-day, while the younger men have yet to learn their business properly. The latter mostly have their heads full of all sorts of wild and impracticable ideas and, as things are, we cannot afford to experiment at the moment. So there is almost a complete famine in new German dramatic work."

TYPEWRITER TO BLAME.

Herr Ferdinand Meysel, the oldest theatrical manager in Berlin, has yet another reason.

"German dramatists must, first of all," he says, "throw away their typewriting machines and dismiss their stenographers. Let them stop dictating their work, and armed with pen and ink, sit down alone in their studies. Then their literary genius (if they have any) will soon return to them, and the wearisome flood of unnecessary dialogue will vanish from their manuscripts. Get back to pen and ink, for the typewriter is fatal to real dramatic art!"

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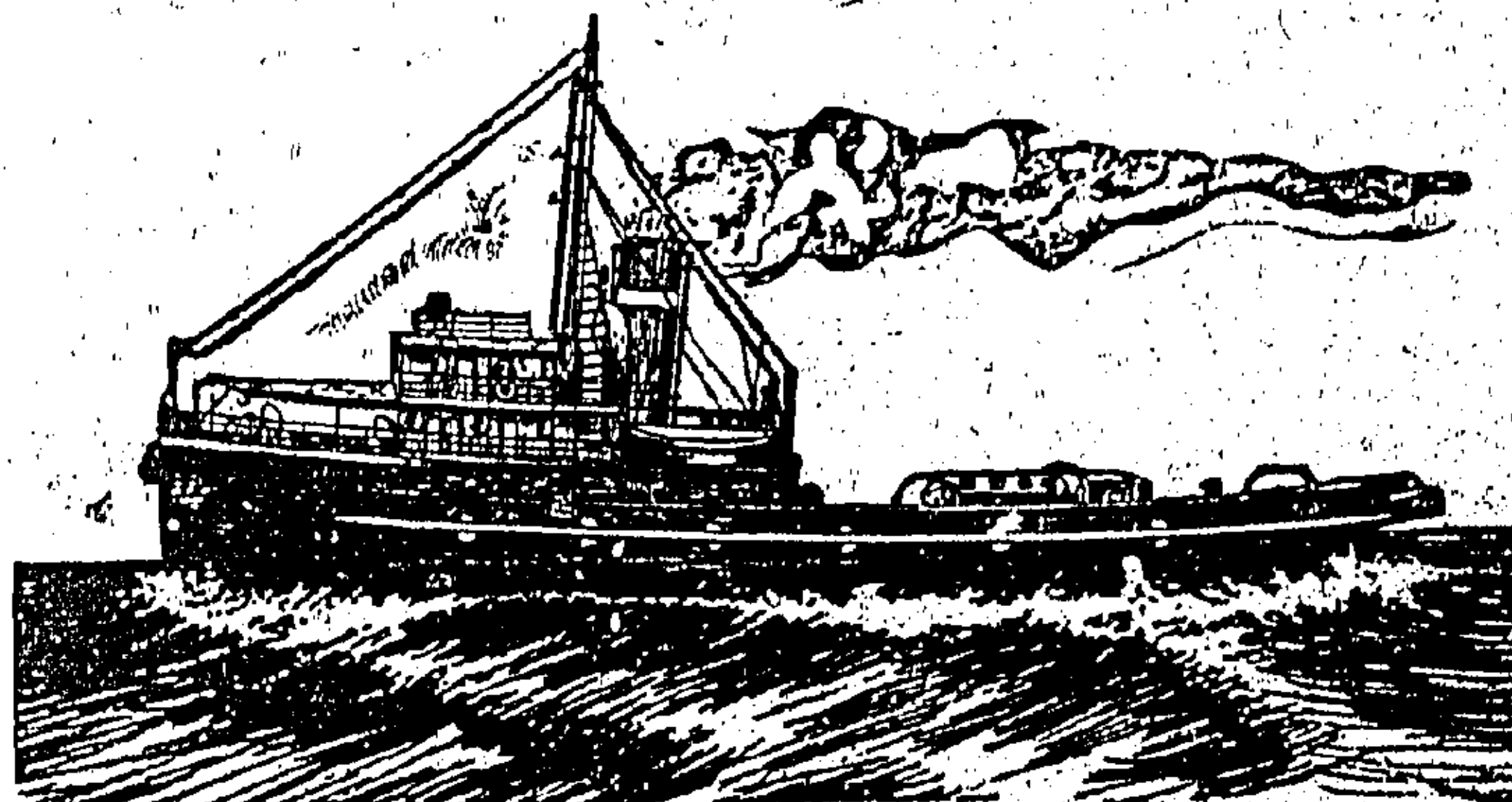
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The ancient Egyptian custom of burying jewels and other treasures with the dead is being revived in America, where Mr. Frederick M. Patterson, President of the National Organisation of Undertakers, has estimated that \$4,000,000 in jewellery is lowered annually into the grave.

Fear of grave-robbery, one of the motives which impelled the Egyptians to raise pyramids over the resting-places of their mummies, is resulting in America, in the use of heavy steel vaults, granite mausoleums, and other means of security to protect the riches which are interred with their dead owners.

The ever-growing elaborateness of the American funeral, which now rivals the wedding ceremony in display and public interest, is believed to be due to the influence of the Irish, who immigrated in large numbers during the last century. It has always been the Irish custom to bury the dead clad in the best possible array, and as the new immigrants gained wealth, more and more was added to the contents of the coffins.

While the American funeral has been constantly gaining in magnificence, the Englishman goes to his grave in unchanging simplicity. "The total amount of jewellery buried with the dead in this country would probably amount to less than £1,000 a year," said Mr. J. R. Hurry, secretary of the British Undertakers' Association, to a *Daily Express* representative. "The amount of precious metal used in the adornment of caskets and coffins would certainly not reach more than £10,000."

As showing the difference in the burial customs of the two countries, Mr. Hurry mentioned the case of a British undertaker who sent a body over to the United States in what he considered a particularly fine casket. He was notified that this had been replaced, on arrival in America, by a casket of oxidised silver, valued at £1,200.

"Simplicity, as opposed to this extravagance, is the keynote in England," Mr. Hurry added. "The only jewellery taken to the grave in this country is an occasional trinket of sentimental value. Usually even a woman's wedding ring is retained by her family."

"I have, however, known of occasional cases where a married woman has asked to be interred in her wedding dress with all the jewellery she possessed at the time of her marriage. Sometimes, also, a mother asks that her baby's first shoes, or some other treasured souvenir of childhood, be buried with her."

CHINESE WAR WOUNDS.

FOREIGN SURGEONS BUSY.

Peking, Dec. 30.—Medical science in China has been given great impetus because of the opportunity to practise due to the fighting near Peking recently. Foreign medical men and surgeons in charge of Nanyuan base hospital, where the wounded from the Tientsin battles were brought, said that the hospital is an object lesson to the Chinese medical corps.

Although there has been no fighting in the last four days, foreign surgeons, led by surgeons from Peking Union Medical College, still are handling 46 major operations daily. More than 2,200 wounded remain in Nanyuan hospital. Dr. Mont Reid is in charge.

Recent reports of the supposed superiority of Feng Yu-hsiang's medical corps in handling wounded has been found to be nothing more than superior methods of evacuating wounded from the front to base hospitals. Practically all work on the wounded is done by foreign surgeons.

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From	Per	Due
Manila	Empress of Russia	January 6.
U. S. A., Canada, Japan and Shang-	President Grant	January 7.
hai	President Lincoln	January 7.
U. S. A., Honolulu, Japan and Shang-	Rakuyo Maru	January 8.
hai and Europe via Siberia	St. Albans	January 8.
Japan	Delta	January 8.
Australia and Manila	Tokushima Maru	January 8.
Straits	Europe via Negapatnam, (Letters and	
Papers, London 3rd Dec., 1925)		
Europe via Suva (Letters & papers		
London, 10th Dec., 1925, Parcels		
3rd Dec., 1925)	Malwa	January 8.
Straits	Hymettus	January 14.

For	Per	Date
Swatow, Amoy and Formosa	Taiqua Maru	Wed., Jan. 6, 5 p.m.
Shanghai	Tungshing	Wed., Jan. 6, 5 p.m.
Port Bayard	Spunkong	Wed., Jan. 6, 5 p.m.
Hoihow and Haiphong	Taming	Thurs., Jan. 7, 8.30 a.m.
Port Bayard	Poo Sang	Thurs., Jan. 7, 9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A., C.	Emp. of Asia	Thurs., Jan. 7.
and S. America and Europe via	Parcels	3 a.m.
Vancouver, B.C.	Registration	4.15 p.m.
	Letters	6 p.m.
	(Due Vancouver, B.C., Jan. 25, 1926).	
	Parcels	6th, 5 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Talma	Thurs., Jan. 7.
	Letters	7th, 9 a.m.
Straits	Van Clogh	Thurs., Jan. 7, 11.30 a.m.
Amoy	Sui Sang	Thurs., Jan. 7, 5 p.m.
Haiphong	Kaying	Fri., Jan. 8, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai and Japan	Delta	Fri., Jan. 8, 10.30 a.m.
Hankow	Chakasang	Fri., Jan. 8, 10.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan and Europe via	Malwa	Fri., Jan. 8, 2.30 p.m.
Siberia (Letters and postcards	Pres. Grant	Fri., Jan. 8, 3.30 p.m.
especially superscribed "via Siber-	Amakusa Maru	Fri., Jan. 8, 8.30 a.m.
ia" only)	Tean	Fri., Jan. 8, 2.30 p.m.
Manila	Parcels	8th 5 p.m.
Haiphong, Peking and Haiphong	Macedonia	Sat., Jan. 9.
Hankow	Registration	9.45 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E.	Letters	10.30 a.m.
& S. Africa, Aden, Egypt and Eur-	(Due Marseilles, Feb. 5, 1926).	
ope via Marseilles	Suisang	Sat., Jan. 9.
	Parcels	1 p.m.
Straits and Calcutta	Letters	1 p.m.
Amoy and Foochow	Hai Ching	Sat., Jan. 9, noon
Shanghai	Soochow	Sat., Jan. 9, 2.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Chakasang	Sat., Jan. 9, 2.30 p.m.
Japan, Canada, U. S. A., C. & S.		
America & Europe via Victoria,	Ixon	Sun., Jan. 9.
B.C.	Parcels	3 p.m.
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	Letters	5 p.m.
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AMERICA AND
LEAGUE.

AN OUTSPOKEN SENATOR.

Washington, Jan. 5.
The Republican majority in the Senate was astonished when the opposition Senator Bruce, of Maryland, spoke eloquently in favour of adherence to the World Court and League of Nations. He only desired that the Court be not so transformed by reservations that the nations already therein should be unwilling to accept the United States as a member. He declared "that there had been a time when the nations of the world were willing to pay almost any price to get America into the League but recently there had been a noticeable change for they found they could get along without us, and that even without our aid war could be nipped in the bud. Europe was no longer in a mood to tolerate airs of condescending patronage by us or praises from our own lips of our own perfections."—*Reuter.*

SYRIAN AFFAIRS.

CHIEFS FAVOUR SUBMISSION.

Paris, Jan. 5.
According to the *Times* correspondent at Beyrouth, it is stated that during a meeting held in Djebel Druse, numerous chiefs pronounced in favour of submission. On the other hand, the Sultan At-trenche decided to continue the fight.—*Indopacific.*

MOSUL QUESTION.

REPLY FROM ANGURA.

London, Jan. 5.
The Turkish Ambassador has received a reply from Angura to the British proposition regarding Mosul. This will be handed to the Foreign office to-day and will not constitute a refusal.—*Indopacific.*

FRANCE & AMERICA.

CHANGE OF AMBASSADOR.

Washington, Jan. 5.
M. Daeschner has presented his letter of recall and will sail on the 18th instant for France.—*Indopacific.*

Paris, Jan. 5.
M. Beranger, French Ambassador to the United States, will sail to-morrow.—*Indopacific.*

GREEK SITUATION.

CONSTITUTIONAL LAWS
SUSPENDED.

London, Jan. 5.
The *Daily Mail* states that with the exception of the First Article, instituting the Republic, all the other articles of the Greek Constitution have been suspended.—*Indopacific.*

Second-Lieut. Geoffrey David Upon, 5th Batt., 5/2nd Punjab Regiment, has been appointed Lieut.

The health return for the past week shows two non-fatal British cases of diphtheria, one fatal Chinese case of typhoid, and one non-fatal British occurrence of typhus. There was also one death from puerperal fever and one from influenza.

On the application of Sergt. Carson, 890 tons of prepared opium, valued at over \$10,000, discovered unclaimed by Mr. Ravensburg, assistant engineer on board the s.s. *Tjiliboet*, were ordered to be confiscated by Mr. E. W. Hamilton, at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning.

An original means of advertising, so far as Hongkong is concerned, was adopted to-day by the Lai Wah Company, of Des Voeux Road, who engaged a Dutch aviator at present in the Colony, Mr. Heiting, to distribute pamphlets from the air, a proportion of which, specially stamped, were exchangeable for goods in the firm's store. The aviator rose to a great height early this afternoon, being quite invisible in the prevailing clouds, and threw down a bundle of pamphlets which the wind carried over the West Point district.

SOVIET SPLIT.

OFFICIAL DISCLOSURES.

That all is not well with the internal workings of the Soviet Government (which cannot even claim to have a big following among the Russian workers) is disclosed by the official "Tass" agency report of a congress at Moscow on Dec. 21, which reads in part:—

Mr. Stalin criticized the two deviations from the policy of the Party of certain known members with regard to the peasants' question. Adherents of the first were underestimating the importance of rich classes of peasantry, and supporters of the second were overestimating this danger, because they did not understand the great role played by the middle classes of peasantry. The second opinion was shared by certain leaders of Leningrad who based their viewpoint on wrong statistical data composed under the preconceived opinion as though the well-to-do peasants possess sixty-one per cent. of the grain surplus, whereas the statistical investigation shows that forty-two per cent. belongs also to the middle peasantry.

The Congress applauded enthusiastically Mr. Stalin's declaration that the Party will liquidate painlessly, and with the same unanimity as it conquered "Trotskyism," this deviation, which might result in kindling a class struggle in villages and in reverting to the policy of military communism, in sharp contradiction with Lenin's policy. The same can be said of the second deviation.

Party Organization.

Turning to the question of the organisation of the Party, Mr. Stalin pointed to the rapid growth of the Party during the year and a half, from 446,000 members and candidates to 1,025,000, amongst which 534,000 belong to the working class.

However, he called phantastic the proposal of the Leningrad organisation to include in the Party ninety per cent. of industrial workers within one year, which would mean extension of the Party to about five millions, mainly consisting of young workers coming from villages, who had no time to absorb fully the ideas of Bolshevism.

In conclusion, Mr. Stalin expressed deep certainty of the possibility to cope successfully with the differences existing inside Soviet countries among the elements of socialism and capitalism, even without the aid of the West. Who is afraid of difficulties does not believe in the victory of socialism. Admitting all errors and mistakes which have been made, it must be recognised that successes achieved in socialistic reconstruction exceed by far having enormous international significance (sic).
The speech of Mr. Stalin, met with the enthusiastic ovation of the Congress.

IN MOROCCO NOW.

A BETTER OUTLOOK.

Paris, Jan. 5.
M. Steeg left yesterday to return to Morocco. He declared to the press that it was now possible to be optimistic and added that without overlooking the possibility of fresh military action, he would intensify political action and obtain contact with all groups who have not yet submitted.

Regarding the question of Maghzen, he emphasised that this action has resulted in a few weeks in the submission of more than ten thousand families belonging to tribes that have never yet experienced French influence. He added that he would increase the institutions of education, hygiene, medical assistance, and essentially French means of propaganda.—*Indopacific.*

DUTCH FLOODS.

THE LATEST SITUATION.

Amsterdam, Jan. 5.
The rivers Waal and Meuse are falling.—*Reuter.*

Later.
Her Majesty the Queen of Holland has opened with a donation of 10,000 florins a public subscription for the relief of flood sufferers, which is already over \$20,000.

Steamers have rescued hundreds of refugees from the dyke in the Arnhem district. The situation between the rivers Meuse and Waal have worsened and the level of the water has risen. Several more villages are inundated and many houses have collapsed. The dyke of the river Yser has collapsed and at Deventer a part of the town is flooded. The Ministry of Navy has sent motor boats, dinghies and thousands of naval men to the distressed regions.—*Reuter.*

The Academie Francaise has elected M. Louis Bertrand, the Duc de la Force, and M. Paul Valery as members in succession to the late Maurice Barrès, Count d'Haussonville and Anatole France.

Claremont, Cal., Nov. 21.—Hidden away in the human body is a minute compass-like organism hitherto undiscovered, which gives the sense of location, said Dr. W. A. Hilton, head of the department of zoology at Pomona College here, in his announcement of this find as a result of lengthy experiments. The so-called instinct that tells a seasoned hunter how to head for camp after a day in the woods, the same sense that guides some persons, apparently instinctively, through the winding streets of strange cities, is traceable to this special organism, says Dr. Hilton, which points the way as the compass needle indicates the pole.

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